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Money laundering is main target

MI6 to step up fight against drug barons

ROBIN COOK announced yesterday that the full intelli-gence resources of Mi6 will be made available to tackle the growing global threat from

Launching the drive not far from Burms, the world's biggest opium producer, the Foreign Secretary said that the Government was determined to make more effort "to fight

The Government, he said, would focus on attacking the drug supply chain at every stage, from stifling production at source to preventing profitability and stopping money laundering. Covert operations by Mi6 intelligence officers abroad against international drug trafficking and moneylaundering networks will be-come one of the top priorities.

MI6, which has an estimated 800 intelligence officers based at British embassies will have a strategic role, running deep penetration op-erations aimed at harming the drug barons where it will have a long-term impact. This will mean focusing on the moneylaundering systems, which lie at the heart of their opera-

Although M16 has already been involved in some drug investigations, the Foreign Secretary has been given the clearest warning that a bigger

operation is required.

MIS, the domestic intelligence service, has also been empowered since last October to investigate serious crime in support of the police and can apply for warrants for surveil-lance and relephone tapping against suspected drug barons in Britain. However, with an annual budget of about £135 million and a large proportion of its staff involved in countering Irish terrorism, only about 15 to 20 people so far have been switched to full-

time crime investigations.

MI6 has a budget of less than £150 million and employs fewer than 2,000 people, many of whom are based at the London headquarters, helping to control and support intelli-

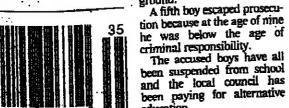
gence operations abroad. One important development is that the Foreign Office now has a senior diplomat based in London who has been appointed a drugs co-ordinator. Intelligence sources said that that had helped to provide a proper framework for covert drugs operations abroad.

Boys of 10 charged with rape

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Cook in Kuala Lumpur. Burma condemned

huge. American law enforcement agencies estimate that money laundering from organised drug trafficking amounts to \$1,000 billion (£625 billion) a year around the world, which includes about \$400 billion of drugs money in the US alone.

Co-ordinating counterdrugs operations between different countries has also generated some of the biggest problems. While there has been general agreement that international efforts should be pooled, countries have different rules and procedures.

In Britain, aithough legislation against money laundering was passed in 1994, there are still loopholes which can



Moneypenny here, sir, I've got Robin Cook on the line"

By ADAM FRESCO

POUR ten-year-old boys have

been charged in connection

with the rape of a nine-year-

old girl at a West London

Two are charged with rape and indecent assault and two

with indecent assault. It is the

first time that children so

indecent assault.

be abused by the sophisticated are protected by legions of lawyers and financial advisers. Offshore banks and companies are one of the main tools of the big-time drug-related money launderers. Of Britain's independent

territories, only the Cayman Islands has introduced its own laws against money laundering under which banks have to report suspected moneylaundering transactions to the authorities. The laws, introduced in January, have produced some dramatic results. David Bickford, former legal adviser to MI6 and MI5.

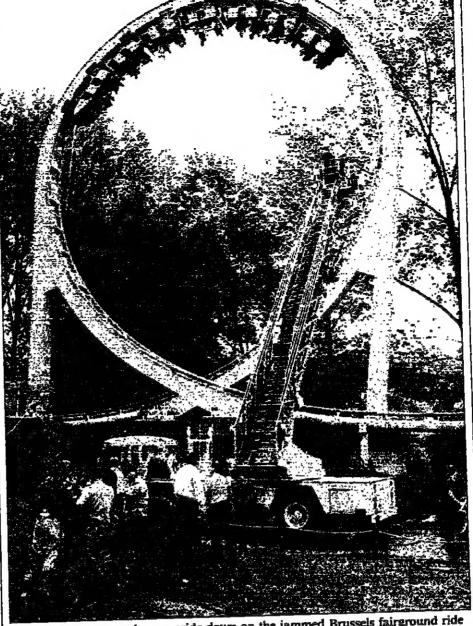
said that money laundering from drug trafficking was carried out through all the world's main financial centres: London, Frankfurt, New York and Tokyo. He described the scale of the drugs business around the world: in South East Asia, the Burmese, Afghan, Vietnamese and Chinese gangs cultivated 600,000 acres of opium, producing three million tons for heroin production a year; in the US, the profits of Mafia gangs, much of it from drugs, made them "the twentieth richest group, including countries, in the wonu. sovereign states".

The role for M16 intelligence officers and their network of secret agents will be to mount long-term penetration of criminal organisations. However, M16 will act only in support of the police and Customs. One of the lessons learnt in America was that unco-ordinated drug missions launched by a multitude of different organisations often led to bizarre mix-ups, with undercover agents from one law enforcement agency being arrested by undercover agents from another, each involved in sting operatioms against the

Mr Cook announced the anti-drugs plan in a speech to Malaysian leaders. He emphasised that he was not simply restating old policy. "We will refocus all resources to make this a top priority." he

He added: "Burma is the world's largest single producer of opium. The failure of the regime to address this issue. indeed their apparent willingness to abet and profit from the drugs trade, deserves the strongest condemnation."

Ann Taylor, page 18



Terrified passengers hang upside down on the jammed Brussels fairground ride

Upside-down ride to terror

IN BRUSSELS

BELGIUM'S main amusement park faced calls for stricter safety measures yesterday after a "loop-the-loop" train became jammed, leaving 26 people hanging upside

down for an hour and a half. Nobody was injured in the incident at the Parc Walibi on the outskirts of Brussels but some passengers had to be hung upside down, neic by the safety bars over their shoulders and laps, they screamed and threw off their clothing while rescuers hattled to free the "Scirocco".

The 15-year-old train, which offers a ride through a vertical figure-of-eight, is launched by gravity and reaches 50mph during its one-minute run. For unexplained reasons it froze as it was at the top of its

FROM CHARLES BREMNER treated for shock. As they first loop, When it was freed, the proceed sound the circle to stop the right way up, but still high above the ground. Pas-sengers were eventually taken off by firemen using ladders.

The park insisted yesterday's it was the first incident in the ride's otherwise unblemished record, but local authorities and media commentators called for more stringent controls on similar fairground attractions.

Blair gets back to work with a warning for his ministers

TONY BLAIR will give Labour a warning tomorrow that the difficulties experienced by the Government in the last few weeks are a timely reminder that it cannot afford to relax discipline.

After what senior aides admit has, at times, been a ragged performance, the Prime Munister will use a speech to a party audience in the North East to tell ministers. MPs and activists that they must not be distracted.

He will say that events of the last month which have grabbed press attention pale nto insignificance against the big picture" issues of health. education, crime and the economy. But his remarks will be a tacit admission of the view in Downing Street that ministers could have handled themselves better in some recent incidents. A senior aide said last night:

He regards a lot of it as froth. but that does not mean he dismisses it it is precisely because the hig issues matter so much that he is not happy if

distractions get in the way."
Mr Blair launched a determined move to sweep away the summer blues yesterday. After his return to Downing Street from his summer holiday he went to a school in the East End and announced a ten-fold expansion of the literacy scheme for 11-year-olds.

Then he talked to Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, about her announcement that Sinn Fein can take part in all-party talks. He later met David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader.

The extent to which internal Labour rows and alleged personality clashes have dominated events at home while he has been away was brought home to Mr Blair when he made his school visit. Although he wanted to talk

about education the questions from reporters centred on what had gone on in his absence. Asked if the Governments honeymoon with the voters was over, he said: People want a Government delivering on the things for

which it was elected."

And in acknowledgement that things had not gone as he would have wished recently he added: "People elected us to sort out an appalling record left by the Conservatives and we are doing that Whatever



to No 10 yesterday

else is happening I am going to earry on delivering on the things that really matter.

My vision for this country is that we should be the best educated nation in the western world. If we are able to achieve that, all the rest of it doesn't matter." he added.

Tomorrow Mr Blair will also take on the opposition to for which he will seek backing at the party conference next month. In spite of the fierce objections of some members and unions. Mr Blair will say there is no alternativee to the continuing modernisation of

John Lloyd, page 18

Mowlam invites Sinn Fein to full-scale peace talks

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND

MO MOWLAM, the Northern Ireland Secretary, will this morning declare the six-weekold IRA ceasefire to be "genuine in word and deed" and formally invite Sinn Fein to participate in the full-scale peace negotiations beginning

young have been charged with on September 15. rape. Until four years ago, Dr Mowlam's announce boys aged between 10 and 13 ment in Belfast will pave the could be charged only with way for the Government's first protracted negotiations with The girl told police she was republicans for more than 70 pounced on in a lavatory block by five boys and pinned to the

It is based on a security assessment that the IRA has not only ceased overt violence but has sharply curtailed other operations including surveillance, intelligence gathering, kneecapping

punishment beatings. Irish security sources revealed that a bomb factory

discovered in Co Cavan two weeks ago was one of the biggest, and showed the IRA had developed the ability to direct driverless car bombs towards check points using remote control. However they said the factory had not been used since the ceaselire was

declared on July 20.

Last night Martin McGuinness, the MP who will lead Sinn Fein's negotiating team, said Dr Mowlam's decision meant there could be "no Adams, the Sinn Fein president, would meet Tony Blair

ing was yet planned. The key question now is whether the Ulster Unionists will agree to sit down at the same table as Sinn Fein.

doubt whatsoever that Gerry in the next few weeks. Downing Street said no meet-

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, met the Prime Minister at Downing Street yesterday but left com-

plaining of the Government's continued failure to guarantee any IRA disarmament during the negotiations. This issue had to be resolved "before

he said. The UUP is studying what to do and will not decide before its executive meets on September 6. Observers believe it will agree to hold proximity" talks - if not direct talks - with Sinn Fein. if only because staying away would incur international condemnation and the Union case

there can be any question of

moving to substantive issues".

would go by default. ☐ The Irish Government is to set up a second tribunal to investigate gifts to Charles Haughey, the former Prime Minister and other politicians. and whether there were quid pro quos. It has yet to agree the terms of reference.

Record City fine

Swiss Bank Corporation has been hit with a record fine and a serious reprimand after admitting two breaches of the so called "Chinese walls" which divide traders from corporate financiers in City banks. The Securities and Futures Authority fined SBC E480,000 with costs of £176,000

England's voice

Nearly half the English publie want the chance to vote on Scottish and Welsh devolution, says a MORI poll. A clear majority supports a Scottish Parliament, but many in England believe they have interests which should not be ignored Page 2

Lost at sea

The only possessions left to the round-the-world sailors, Yvonne and Don Newman. who were plucked from the Bay of Biscay by Roval Navy helicopters, are their clothes and a brown plastic bag containing their passports

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Literacy scheme boosted by £1m donation



By David Charter EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A LONDON businessman yesterday pledged £1 million in response to a government appeal for help from the private sector to extend its summer literacy scheme.

The donation from Maurice Harter, a self-made millionaire, will be added to £4 million extra promised by the Prime Minister yesterday for the project. It will increase tenfold the number of 11-year-olds given help with reading and writing during next year's summer holidays. Tony Blair announced the

expansion of the scheme yesterday table causes and clear commitment during a visit to a school in the East End of London that has achieved a big improvement in results.

Mr Hatter owns IMO Precision Controls Ltd. a components company in North London that he started in 1970. During the war, he was evacuated to America, but he returned to Britain to set up his first company with £100. The philanthropist founded the Hatter Institute for Cardiovascular Studies at University College Hospital in the 1980s. raising over £400,000 for research.

Mr Blair said: "Maurice Hatter

has a great record for helping chari-

to education. This year's summer schools were a great success and the help he is offering will make next year's an even greater success."

The literacy scheme, which doubled in size this summer following a £250,000 donation by News Interna-tional, owners of The Times, has been widely seen as a success by schools and parents. This summer, 1,600 children volunteered to take 50 hours of extra lessons this summer.

Mr Blair visited Morpeth School, comprehensive in Bethnal Green, and praised the "fantastic job" that staff and pupils had done in turning

Morpeth School showed what could be done when government resources were matched by the enthusiasm and motivation of teachers

"What we are trying to get across to people is that education is absolutely essential, not just for us but for the country, that it's an invest-ment worth making," he said. With his wife looking on, a tanned Mr Blair met a group of 16-year-olds

who had succeeded in their GCSEs and were now aiming for university. In just three years, the school's GCSE pass rate has more than

trebled, from 11 per cent gaining five A to C grades to 39 per cent.

The head teacher, Alasdair Macdonald, said that Mr Blair had shown particular interest in the way that he had transformed standards by starting extra voluntary classes as early as 7am and continuing for up to three hours after the regular schoolday. Spoasorship by the Bankers Trust Company has enabled teachers to be paid for running holiday revision classes and weekend study trips to Warwick and Bath universities

Mr Macdonald, appointed head... teacher five years ago when the

children who came to extra lessons were obviously those who wanted to do well. They realised how many of them there were, and they gained confidence. The word spread that they were not just a group of misfits.

From then on it snowballed. As more turned up they realised they were actually the majority in the school. Then, it was the pupils who were negative or cymical about learning who began to be marginalised."

He added: "It did not happen overnight. But it began to be cool to

Half of English call for vote on devolution

NEARLY half the English public want the chance to vote on the proposals for Scottish and Weish devolution, according to a new MORI poll for

The poll, undertaken last weekend, has a mixed message for the Government. While a clear majority of all groups support the creation of a Scottish Parliament, many in England believe they have interests which should not be ignored. These figures will be seized upon by the Tories and other critics of devolution to challenge the proposals.

In particular, 46 per cent of people in England say they should have the opportunity to vote on the proposals for ment and Weish Assembly, while 44 per cent disagree. Two-fifths of Labour supporters believe the English should have a say. But three-quarters of Scots believe that English voters should not be given such a vote.

Moreover, more than half

Support Scottish

parliament, no change

OPTIONS FOR SCOTLAND

Would you support or oppose the setting up of a parliament for Scotland while remaining part of the United Kingdom?

At the moment, Scotland has more MPs per head of population than England. If Scotland has its own parliament, do you think the number of Scotlish MPs at Westminster should be reduced, or should it stay the same

the English believe that, if Scotland has its own partia-ment, the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster should be reduced. By contrast, more than half of Scots believe the number of their MPs at Westminster should stay the same, though over a third agree that there should be a reduction. Even among those who support a Scottish Parliament, more than a half say the number of Westminster MPs from north of the border

should be reduced.

three-lifths support setting up a Scottish Parliament within the UK, with a quarter opposed. The highest level of support, at more than twothirds, is in London where the Government has proposed a new strategic assembly and an elected mayor. Nearly a half of Tory supporters back a Parlia-

Across Britain, roughly

ment in Edinburgh. In Scotland, 60 per cent support a Parliament, with the lowest support and greatest opposi-tion in the north of England. Overall, around a third of the public both support a Scottish Parliament and time favour a reduction in the number of Westminster MPs, while 24 per cent back a Parliament in Edinburgh and favour no change in the number of members. Some 25 per cent oppose a Scottish Parliament.

☐MORI interviewed 1,758 adults at 163 sampling points across Britain between August 21 and 25. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (7 per cent), are undecided (4 per cent) or who refuse to name a

Confidence has fallen among the middle class

ECONOMIC optimism among the middle classes and mortgage holders has de-dined sharply since the elec-tion (Peter Riddell writes). The latest MORI poil for The Times shows that confidence has risen sharply among the young, the least well-off and council tenants.

The MORI economic optimism index - measuring the number who think that the general economic condition will improve over the next 12 months, less those who think it will get worse - now stands at minus 2 points. It was plus 20

points just after the election. It is now broadly back to where it was at the start of the on the end of March. But this masks contrasts along class lines, partly reflecting mortgage increases and taxation of pension funds. Armong those with mortgages, the index has declined by 12 points; among professional managers, by 14 points; among those earning more than £25,000 year, by 11

By contrast, the index has risen since March by 14 points among unskilled workers, by Il points among council ten ants; by six points among those earning less than £9,500 a year, and by 14 points among 18 to 24-year-olds.

The public sees the NHS as the most important issue facing Britain, but the number of risen to the highest level for two years, though it is still ninth in the list.



Wayne Davis and his harris hawk, Hamish, at work yesterday clearing the pigeons from Westminster Abbey

Abbey pigeons are prey for hawk

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

INSPIRED by the success of Paula the eagle owl in clearing St Paul's Cathedral of pigeons. Westminster Abbey has imported a raptor of its own. Hamish, a harris hawk with a 31 ft wingspen, is let loose once a month to fly around the

cloisters and buttresses Although the aim is to frighten the birds away and not to kill them,

out success," George Burroughs, clerk of works, said. "We've had wires, nets, gels and a plastic owl. But even that didn't work, and that's now sitting in our garden. We have had signs up asking tourists not to feed the pigeons. But nothing has worked. We have dozens roosting each year on the building."

He said the pigeons were wresi abbey's monuments and stone work. Three wartime bronzes in the cloisters of prey, a method already employed at US Air Force bases in Suffolk. By coincidence Hamish's handler. Wayne Davis, of Corby, Northamptonshire, founder of Avian Control Systems, was already in discussion with the abbey when the eagle owl made a brief appearance at St Paul's before succumbing to a fatal illness.

Speaking yesterday after an all-day stint, Mr Davis said: "I only had to finish off a pigeon in one squeeze if any is
slow enough to be caught.

"We've tried other methods, but with
"their droppings. They blocked the drainage system and were a health hazard.

"to see the job done properly."

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Labour sacks 'no' campaigner in referendum

By NICHOLAS WATT, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE gloves came off in the devolution campaign last night when the Scottish Secretary was accused of sacking a leading Conservative from a government advisory body. Sir Matthew Goodwin, the treasurer of the Think Twice campaign, claimed that Donald Dewar removed him from the Scottish Economic Council yesterday because of his role in the No campaign.
Sir Matthew said that Mr Dewar's move was designed

to serve as a warning to the business community not to speak out against devolution. Brian Wilson, the Scottish Office Minister, confirmed last night that Sir Matthew was not being reappointed to the council, which advises on economic policy in Scotland. However. Mr Wilson described Sir Manhew's claims about Mr Dewar as ludicrous because Sir Mat-thew, 68, had retired from a post that gained him his seat

on the council. Mr Wilson said: "He is in danger of making a fool of himself. He was appointed in 1991 when he was chairman of Hewden Stuart, a major construction equipment firm. He ceased to be chairman in 1995. He no longer represents the industrial interests in respect of which he was orginally put

on the council." Sir Matthew, the deputy

chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, insisted that Mr Dewar was censuring him for his leading role in the campaign for a No vote in the referendum on September 11. He said: There is no doubt that Labour opponents of devolution, and there are many, are pressured into staying silent. Is this democracy?

Sir Matthew accused the Government of stifling the Think Twice campaign which, he claimed, was formed to promote a democratic debate in Scotland. He added: "We have been denied any form of government assistance and, in particular, free postage on the ground that the debate is not political. The Government, however, has obviously used large sums of taxpayers' money to promote its case." Sir Matthew's personal at-

tack on Mr Dewar showed the depth of feeling among cam-paigners with just two weeks to go until polling day. Opinion polls indicate that

the vote will be overwhelmingly in favour of a Scottish parliament. However, opponents of devolution have not given up hope because many Labour supporters have indicated that they will vote No to the second question in the referendum, which will ask them whether the new parliament should have tax-varying

NEWS IN BRIEF

19 soldiers dismissed for taking drugs

Nineteen soldiers from the 2nd battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment, have been dismissed after random testing revealed they had taken drugs, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday. The men, all privates or lance corporals based at Warminster, Wiltshire, were shown to have taken a variety of banned substances including LSD, Ecstasy, cannabis and amphetamines. Marcia Nash. an Army spokeswoman, described their actions as "extremely foolish".

Police to register gifts

Police officers in London will be expected to declare all gifts and hospitality they receive with the launch today of registers of interests. The registers, covering the Metropolitan Police Force's 41,400 uniformed and civilian staff, will be kept as a permanent record available for inspection by internal auditors and the Inspectorate of Constabulary.

CJD claims new victim

A fitness fanatic has become Britain's latest victim of Creutzieldt-Jakob disease: Chris Warne, 36, a former senior systems analyst, of Ripley, Derbyshire, was told he had the disease three weeks ago. Formerly a keen footballer and skier, he can no longer walk without help and has difficulty talking. He has been given less than a year to live.

Boy is found hanged

A boy aged 14 died after being found hanging by a belt at his home in Watford, Hertfordshire, just three miles from where Claire Rogers, 13, and Daniel Gibbs, 10, were found strangled by a scarf early this week. Police said there was no suggestion the death was a copy of that incident. The boy was found in a bathroom by his mother on her return home.

Author's generosity

A hospital and a university are benefiting from donations from Catherine Cookson, the bestselling author. The Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne will receive £200,000 for research into chronic gastro-intestinal disorders. Sunderland University is being given £100,000 and will inaugurate the Catherine Cookson Reading Room.

Green leader 'thrown out' over Eden

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

THE 13-YEAR-OLD leader of the Green Party's youth wing claimed yesterday that he has been thrown out of the movement after backing backing plans for the world's largest greenhouse. Simon Eddy, described as the Greens'

answer to William Hague, says that he fell out with colleagues because he spoke to developers of the Eden Project - a scheme to turn a disused china clay pit near St Blazey, Cornwall, into a scientific research institute costing £100 million, including £35 million from the Millennium Commission. The party lears that the

project will be environmentally damaging and cause traffic congestion, and says the money would be better spent on

reforestation or other projects.
Simon, from St Austell, Cornwall, says that the project will go ahead regardless. so he had made a number of suggestions. to developers such as a park-and-ride scheme for visitors. He is the founder of Splat, a nationwide youth Green

organisation.
In a statement the Green Party said: "Simon has not been expelled he chose

join the Green Party you undertake to follow our agreed manifesto.

However, Simon was adamant he did. not resign: Tam really unhappy about the situation. I have definitely not resigned. The national Green Party are

resigned. The nanonal Green Party are treating me absolutely diabolically."

The Eden Project was set up after the 1992 Rio summit and aims to explore man's dependency on plants. Its marketing manager, Paul Travers, said: "Wedon't think the Green Party has been very grown up about this. Simon is an extraordinary lad: Eat your heart out to resign rather than support Green extraordinary lad. Eat your heart out party policy. It is very unfortunate we William Hagnet We will explore his have fallen out over this issue. When you ideas."

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Rescued sailors lost everything at sea

Family tell of relief as navy arrived and they could abandon ship

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE only possessions left to the round-the world sailors plucked from the Bay of Biscay by Royal Navy helicop-ters are their clothes and a brown plastic bag comaining their passports, travel documents and insurance

Don and Yvonne Newman, and Daniel, Mr Newman's. son from a previous marriage, sold their home and sailed to Gibraltar two months ago, planning to decide their final destination when they arrived.

However, they were caught for three days in 30st swaves and force nine strong gales 200 miles southwest of Brest The conditions were described by one of the Sea King helicopter pilots who rescued them on Tuesday night as the worst that he had seen.

A Royal Navy spokesman confirmed yesterday that the couple were insured. He refused to be drawn on their wisdom in attempting the voyage but suggested that people could "draw their own

Aboard the flight deck of the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious, which arrived in Portsmouth yesterday with its three extra passengers, Mr Newman, 45, simply thanked his rescuers and said: "We are. absolutely shattered. This was our home and we have lost everything. I don't know what we will do next, we just want to rest for a few days.
"We are sensible people, we

had taken a five-day forecast. and this weather was not predicted. We knew help was coming but it was magnificent to see the navy helicopter with the fact that the yacht could hold up to those conditions, it was just a question of whether we could hold out

He finally decided to send's distress call after his wife had three days and he felt he just could not cope with the situa-

"I had been at the helm and the conditions were getting worse and worse. I was just

getting exhausted and the seas just got bigger and bigger and it got windier and windier. We were taking water over the top of the cockpit and it was coming over the boat."

Mrs Newman, 40, an aromatherapist, admitted that she was at the limits of her endurance when the first Sea King's winchman Chief Petty Officer Bob Saunders was

6 The sheer determination on the man's face was amazing. He gritted his teeth

and just carried on.

His bravery was

incredible 9 lowered aboard to take them off the stricken 36st yacht Touchdown. She said: "I would like to stress we were not expecting this weather. We are obviously sensible people and we don't go out in rough

some time for the right forecast. "It was really horrific. We have been through a hell of a time, it was very traumatic. All I wanted to do was get Daniel off the yacht. He hadn't eaten for three days and I had just got to the stage where I couldn't look after him any more. I felt so ill."

weather. We actually waited

Describing Chief Petty Officer Saunders's heroic efforts to reach the yacht at dusk in waves were coming over the yacht. We didn't know when help was going to come but

then the helicopter arrived. It was absolutely fantastic.
The wind was so bad it

took four anempts for them to even get on to the yacht but the determination on the man's face was amazing. He gritted his teeth and just carried on. His bravery was incredible."

The couple, who are be-lieved to have sold their story to a tabloid newspaper, were then taken to meet Mrs Newman's parents, Dennis and Jean Gay, for an emotional reunion aboard ship before being driven away.

Lieutenant-Commander Matt Jennings, the helicopter pilot who winched Daniel to safety, said: "In 20 years of flying they were some of the worst conditions I have ever encountered. It was pretty hairy but the rescue team were magnificent. We got them all off safely. The little boy came into the helicopter with a big grin on his face."

Daniel yesterday waved happily from the ship's railings at the Royal Marine band and crowd welcoming Illustrious home after she had completed an eight-month tour of the Far East. After the rescue Daniel was

given a tour of the flight deck and a breakfast of toast and jam by members of the 800 crew. He said later: "The sea was a bit choppy. I was a bit scared. I didn't think I would be able to get up to the helicopter but the man was nice and they helped me." Speaking about being

winched up to the Sea King helicopter. Daniel said: "I didn't think I would be able to make it up there. It was quite scary going up." He said the three of them

had all looked after each other on board the Touchdown but he added: "I didn't feel safe and sound until I was on the

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Yvonne, Daniel and Don Newman arriving in Portsmouth aboard HMS Illustrious yesterday. The couple praised their rescuers' heroism

Newcomers who took on the world

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AT JHE Grafham Water saiiing club, Don Newman was a respected member. A nonsailing member. Yesterday friends and sailors spoke of their assonishment that the couple had ever attempted to sail around the world.

As details emerged of how Mr Newman set out to make a fantasy come true, sailing organisations said that the voyage had been ended by conditions that could have tested a veteran.

Mr Newman sold his house last year in Great Staughton. Cambridgeshire, moved into rented accommodation and bought his yacht Touchdown for about £25,000. He joined Grafham Water club near Huntingdon as a non-sailing member and in the spring he took a £25 one-day course in VHF radio there. He also took a course in diesel engine

In June he married Yvonne. an aromatherapist. She took a shore-based navigation course

Newman left his job as production manager of Titan Motor Sports at Huntingdon. director, said: I am pleased he is safe. He is just a very easy-going guy who wanted to go and do his thing. I think it is right that he was not experienced

but failed to complete it. Mr

Mr Newman asked his neighbour. Leslie Rant, 39, who has sailed the Atlantic and crossed the Bay of Biscay. to help them to sail their newly aquired yacht around from Lowestoft. Mr Rant said: "I wasn't available so they must have paid someone else to

"A sailor needs a course with a recognised teaching establishment and sailing within his capabilities. If you haven't got experience, and you are in bad weather, there is more chance of getting into

"If you are short of experience and you are just two sailing with a young child, it's



Rant: experience does help, he said

not a very strongly crewed yacht. But having said that. lots of people do manage."

Mr Newman sailed from

Lowestoft to Plymouth and then to France before starting his voyage to Spain. His brother, Richard, said he was fulfilling an ambition to sail that he had had since he was a ungster but he had never had the opportunity to take it up as a regular pastime. "Sailing was something he

was always interested in. He has just been round the coast, just doing off-shore stuff." he said. "I do not know if I would describe him as a novice. He is a strong-minded character. very determined, good company, and with a sense of humour.

"He looked washed out when I saw the pictures of him. I'm extremely relieved everyone is all right." Robin Sjoberg, cruising manager at the Royal Yacht-

ing Association, insisted that regulations should not be brought in to prevent sailors going to sea with little qualifications or experience. He claimed that countries that insisted on licences, such as the land-locked Switzerland

and Austria, had a higher

record of accidents. Mr Sjoberg said the family had responded correctly to atrocious conditions: They were in a force nine in the Bay of Biscay, with 50ft waves crashing around. They responded correctly. They made a call out when they reached the limit of their endurance. There is no evidence that they did not prepare themselves or their boat adequately. A spokesman for the RYA.

which represents sea activities across the UK said: "We know regulation is not the way to do if. Sailors should be allowed to do what they want to." Six to eight sailors die each year at sea out of a total of about four million.

A spokeswoman for the Royal National Lifeboat Association said: "We do not like people taking risks. We try to educate people who use the sea by giving advice and we always suggest people go on training courses before sailing, it is unwise to sail with little experience.

James Jermain, acting editor of Yachting Monthly, said that the Bay of Biscay was a pointed out that hundreds of British children went around the world on boats with their parents. "It is uncomfortable at times but by and large they come through the better for it."

Office for **Parker** 19 soldiers dismisse **Bowles** for taking drugs as charity role grows

BY EMMA WILKINS

CAMILLA Parker Bowles is to open an office in London to deal with her work for the National Osteoporosis Society and general correspondence. Mrs Parker Bowles, who

receives about 50 letters a week from members of the public and became parron of the charity in: April, has ap-pointed Amanda MacManus. 42, as her personal assistant. Mrs MacManus, whose husband. James, is managing director of Times Supple-ments, is working from home while Mrs Parker Bowles searches for suitable premises.

Mrs MacManus said: "We were introduced a few weeks ago by a mutual friend and we hit it off straight away. She is a very nice woman with a good sense of humour." Mrs Mac-Manus will work three days a week. "I will be sorting out her correspondence and general admin. She will be in charge. It's a very accommodating situation being able to work part-time, because I have Mrs Parker Bowles's deci-



Amanda MacManus:

day as a sign that she is moving towards a more public role. However, it remains unlikely that she will attend any official functions with the

When Mrs Parker Bowles hosts her first big fundraising party for the National Osteoporosis Society next month, the Prince will be elsewhere, watching the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratfordon-Avon. The Prince's office at St James's Palace declined to say whether he or the Duchy finance the new office. Diana, Princess of Wales;

was continuing her Mediter-ranean cruise with Dodi Fayed yesterday, exactly a year since her divorce. She is expected to return home to

Surrey police solve African murders

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

ASTUTE detective work by a team of policemen from Surrey led to three suspected former guerrillas being charged in Mozambique yesterday with the murders of a young British couple. Andrew McGowan, 35.

former captain in the Royal Fusiliers, and his wife, Caroline, 30, were on their way through Mozambique to Ma-lawi, where they had lived since 1993, when they were ambushed and killed.

Pressure by the Foreign Office and the British High Commission in Maputo, the Mozambique capital - the

former Portuguese colony is now a member of the Commonwealth - resulted in the Ministry of Interior calling on Britain for help. In June. a three-man team of detectives from Surrey Police headquar-ters at Guildford flew to Mozambique. After two weeks' work in the hot, scrubby bush they turned up clues pointing to the identity of the

Andissene Silveira, the provincial police commandant, said three men had confessed to the April killings and had been charged with murder. It is expected that they will go on trial in about a month and could face between 12 and 24 years' imprisonment.



Ambush victims: Caroline and Andrew McGowan

Master wordsmiths fail spelling test

BY ROBIN YOUNG

DO NOT despair if you cannot spell nil desperandum or if you get into a muddle over imbroglio. You are not alone.

They are among the most fiendishly difficult words to spell in the English language, according to the compilers of the Oxford English Dictionary. Nil desperandum was at the head of a

list of leacographers' horrors put together by the experts who compile the OED. When The Times tried it out on famous wordsmiths yesterday, the author J.G. Ballard was one who could not get it Pright. "I must protest," he said, "that it is

not English. It is Latin." No excuse, according to the taskmasters in Oxford, A spokeswoman said: "Many words in everyday use are not English in origin. School pupils returning to school shortly are still expected to be

SPELL CHECK

The words used in the challenge nil desperandum, imbroglio, hoi polloi, pateriamilias, uxorious, licentious, meretricious, plagiarism, poetaster, counter-feiter, indecipherable. Others in Oxford's complete list include: shibboleths, fuchsia, psephologist, encephalopathy, je-june, noupared and iethyological.

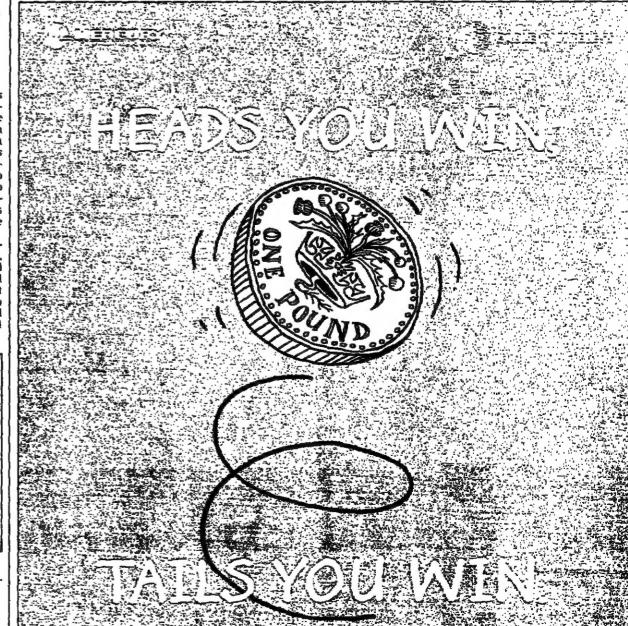
to test even the most accomplished linguistic practitioners who, it was thought, might have trouble with obscuri-

ties such as poetaster or rehoboam. The idea came from a "back to school" campaign in which the OED publishers put together a list of the most common spelling mistakes. Words such as accommodation or separate are frequently spelt

difficulty remembering the difference between licence and license or recalling those occasions when i does not precede e

even after c. The new list is claimed to be even harder because many of the words break the accepted rules of English spelling. mainly because several have foreign origins. Edmund Weiner, deputy chief editor of the OED, said: "These are words which often defy all logic and sometimes seem deliberately designed to cause trouble, not only for children but parents and adults in general."

Trying the top ten in the list yesterday, we found that Mr Ballard succeeded with nine, while Stephen Dorrell, the former Education Secretary, slipped on plagiarism. The young novelist Alain de Bonon tripped over hoi polloi. licentious and indecipherable, but John Grigg, the former Lord Altrincham, returned a faultless scorecard with ten out of ten.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Commuters

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People whose journey to work rakes more than 90 minutes

may be at increased risk of heart disease, a study in Japan has shown. Doctors studied 223 male commuters, measur-

ing variations of heart rate and found that these were related to the length of time the men took to travel to work. Those whose journey took more than 90 minutes showed

the greatest short-term variability in heart rate, while those with less than a hour's journey showed the least. ... The team, led by Dr. T. Kageyama, of the National

Institute for Environmental

Studies in Tsukuba, report in The Lancel that similar changes were found in people who did a lot of overtime. The

changes may lead to heart

Rollason surgery

The television sports presenter

Helen Rollason is recovering

from an operation after she

was found to be suffering from

cancer, the BBC said. Ms:

Rollason, 41, had cancer of the

colon, not, as reported earlier,

An ambulance driver was

crashed, killing a motorist

Carl Jones, while answerin

an emergency call was fined E300 by Northampton magis

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MI5 chief to reveal how many secret files still exist

Shayler affair could force early disclosure, says Michael Evans

STEPHEN LANDER. the Director-General of MIS, is planning to make public how many files on individuals and organisations are still held by the Security Service.

Although it has been suggested that MI5 has at least one million files, the published figure is expected to reveal an archive of several hundred thousand. An up-to-date figure is likely to be included in the next edition of the Security Service booklet in the new

However, with MI5 currently in the spotlight over the revelations of David Shayler. the former Security Service officer, about past telephonetapping and bugging operations, Mr Lander is expected to choose a moment in the near future to disclose the true figure and to reassure MPs and the public that M15 is already destroying many of the older files.

MI5 began destroying many unwanted personal files about a year ago as a result of a 1992 report by the Security Service Commissioner on guidelines for MI5 on record-keeping.

After Mr Shayler's claims that the 1970s file on Peter Mandelson, the Minister Without Portfolio, was still available to read by M15 desk officers in 1992. Mr Lander is also expected to take further measures to tighten procedures on staff access to files and to ensure that all old records that no longer have any value are destroyed.

It was being emphasised yesterday that a large proportion of the files were held in the so-called red category, which meant they were dormant. unless there was new intelligence which justified reclassifying them to the amber or green category. Historical files, those of

interest to historians writing about wartime MI5 operations, will never be destroyed and there are plans to begin releasing some of the First World War documents later this year to the Public Record Office at Kew.

Many of the more recent

files held by ML5 are or foreign nationals, such as members and associates of terrorist groups and hostile intelligence services overseas. While most of the files on individuals are deemed to pose a potential threat to national security, some have no "adverse" content. Those are the files on government ministers and other VIPs who need security protection.

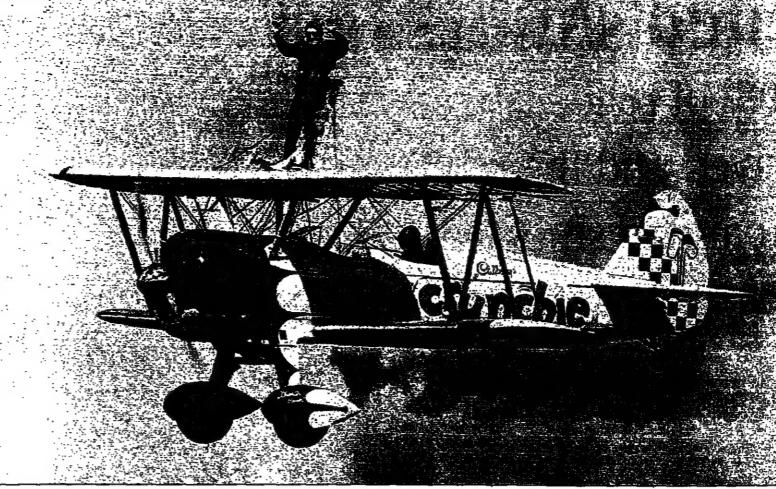
The Shayler affair raises the question why a relatively low-grade desk officer had access to sensitive 20-year-old files on operations involving individuals who had now become senior political figures.

MI5 has been seriously embarrassed but it has also found itself caught in a trap. All the 1.850 staff members, apart from those who dust, clean and change the light bulbs, are verted to the highest level before they are employed. Once MI5 recruits are given full-time jobs, they are entrusted to see classified material on a daily basis.

However, the parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee, chaired by Tom King, a former Tory Defence Secretary, has for some time been warning Mr Lander and the heads of the other agencies of its concern about internal security and the need to keep access to secret documents tightly controlled.

MI5's system for releasing files to individual members is on a need-to-know basis. However, unlike GCHQ, the government signals intelligence centre in Cheltenham. which is more rigidly compartmentalised, MI5 has to link up with other depart ments such as the Ministry of Defence, as well as the police and Customs. That means that some files are given fairly extensive circulation.

The parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee, which was set up under the 1994 Intelligence Services Act, is likely to raise the issue of MI5's system of releasing files at the first opportunity. It is not due to meet until



Les Seales on the flight that he tried to keep a secret from his wife. His wartime expolits earned him the nickname Dizzy

How a war hero of 83 returned to Dizzy heights for flight of his life

LES SEALES relived one of his life's most remarkable sensations yesterday. The fact that he is now 83 and has a wooden leg did not hold him up at all.

He was strapped on a Boeing Stearman for a tenminute spin over Sussex, after answering a local newspaper advertisement for volunteer wingwalkers". The stunt pilot. Mike Dentish, was seeking younger applicants, but Mr Seales had experience.

In a wartime career that earned him the nickname Dizzy, he was in the rear gun-

when it was crippled and the pilot injured. At 3,000ft, Mr Seales got out of his turret and on to the wing to clamber along the fuselage and reach the pilot. He freed the man from his harness and the pair then parachuted to safety.

Mr Seales had hoped to keep yesterday's flight secret from his wife, Joy, but she heard about the plan on local radio. "She told me I was stupid," said Mr Seales. "It's just something I wanted to

Armed with a doctor's certificate confirming that he was fit, he took to the skies in grey flannel trousers, blue shirt, tie, goggles and a redleather flying cap. His trou-sers were clipped to his socks because, at more than 90mph, the flapping can lead to bruising. Landing back at Shoreham airfield, he said: Very good. I would do it again. It was far more pleas-

Mr Seales was a pre-war motorcycling champion, winning the Swiss motorcycling grand prix in 1938. After his 1941 wing walk, Sergeant Seales moved to the 277 Air-Sea Rescue Squadron at Shoreham, helping British

After the war, he was a representative for a tractor It was not until ten years

ago that he lost a leg, when he was knocked down by a bus in London. He still worksthree mornings a week as a garage receptionist, and helps at a Citizens' Advice Bureau and at Shoreham aviation museum near his home.

Yesterday he was watched by his caugues O'Neill, granddaughter Karen and a wartime friend, Keith "Kiwi" Saunders, 80, who was visiting for a re-union. Ms O'Neill said: "I



Seales: very good, he said

have been in touch with The Guinness Book of Records but there is no category for the oldest wingwalker. I hope that will change. If he's not the oldest, then he must be the

Osgood road ban Peter Osgood, the former. Chelsea soccer star. was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £500 for drink-driving and speeding at more than 100mph on the M3. Osgood, 50, of Southampton; admitted the offences. Road death fine

trates. Jonathan Stevens. admitted driving without due care and attention. Charity raided Police are hunting thieves who stole braille clocks and watches and special tapes used for

recording talking newspapers from a charity for the blind in Beschill, East Sussex. The raid-

ers also took thousands of pounds in cash. Raising the roof A planning committee has told an Oxfordshire builder to

reduce the height of one wall of an office block by less than an inch. After Cherwell District Council's decision, Jonathan Ede will have to remove the roof, at a cost of £10,000.

CORRECTION

Mr John Timpson (report: August 22), chairman and chief executive of Timpson Ltd, the shoe repair chain, has no connection with the Oliver

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Return of the rains washes out harvest

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

HEAVY thunderstorms yesterday brought a soggy end to a summer of extremes, causing local flooding and navoc on the cereat narvest Despite the cooling rain, this August

is on course to be the second hottest on record, with an average combined night and day temperature so far of

Until the clouds opened, Britain had sweltered in three weeks of sultry heat, while two months earlier the wettest June since 1879 had washed out sporting and social events.

Fans at the Glastonbury music festival slithered about in a sea of mud. play was abandoned for hours on end at Wimbledon and Lord's, and race-

goers in all their finery were drenched at Royal Ascot.

The heaviest rain yesterday fell around Portsmouth and Chichester, where 22mm was recorded between 3am and 4am. Strong to gale-force

Forecasters said that thunderstorms would continue through the weekend, broken by only brief patches of sunshine, with no prospect of a return to the temperatures of 33C recorded earlier this month.

The recent rain has caught out many farmers, leaving their cereal crops too wet to be harvested. Over much of England by this time of year most of the crop would normally be safely stored in barns. Richard Whitlock, wheat director of Banks Agriculture, one of Britain's biggest grain merchants, said: "Although the cereal harvest is largely finished in East Anglia, between 35 per cent and 55 per cent is still in the ground in areas such as Lincolnshire and Yorkshire."

Greg Wrapson, of Walk Farm, Little Yorkshire, said: "It has been a nightmare. I began harvesting my 250 acres of wheat on August 13 and got in about 25 acres on the first day. Then the heavens opened. Since then I have been able to take the combine out on only three days and have harvested just 25 more acres.

"Normally I reckon to get the wheat cleared by the end of August, but there is little hope of that now. I need at leasttwo sunny days to get the wheat dry enough to cut and the forecast is for more rain. The moisture level is about

about £7,500 this year drying the grain once it has been cut." Oliver Walston, who farms 2,000 acres of seed wheat and maiting barley

25 per cent, and I will have to spend

at Thriplow, Cambridgeshire, said: great drought of 1976. Yields are down about 18 per cent compared with last year. We had drought in April, when we needed rain, and rain in June when we needed sun. Thank God for European Union subsidies."

Mr Whitlock estimated that the national wheat crop this year would be about 14.1 million tonnes, down from 16.1 million in 1996. "Parmers are relearning how to cope with the reality of a maritime climate," he said.

Despite half a century of inflation, we are - officially - better off

FIFTY years after the Government began compiling the Retail Prices Index, official figures show that we have never had it so good. While the value of the pound has shrunk 20 times since

1947, earnings for the average male manual worker have risen 50-fold, leaving him 212 times better off. For the past 50 years, to produce a reliable measure of inflation, government inspec-

tors have checked the prices of a notional shopping basket of goods and services bought by an average British household. in 1947. Clement Attlee was Prime Minister and Parlia-

clothing coupons for Princess Elizabeth to buy a dress for her wedding to Prince Philip. It cost three shillings (15p) to see the FA Cup final at Wernbley or to buy a 78rpm Glenn Miller gramophone record. A pint of beer, a packet of headache tablets and a halfpound bar of chocolate each cost is 4d (7p), an Austin A40 family saloon car £416. and Roald Dahl's book. Over to You. 75 6d (38p).

In 1997, it would cost £20 to buy what El would have bought in 1947. Despite this inflationary pressure, the 50fold rise in weekly earnings for an average male manual worker - from to to £300 -

rise in living standards.

A shopping basket contain-ing a loaf of bread, a pint of milk. half a dozen eggs, a quarter pound of tea, a pound of butter, sugar and beef would have cost 5s 4d (27p) in 1947 and taken the average male manual worker two pay for it. In 1997, the equiva-lent worker works less than one hour to earn the £6 needed to buy the same goods.

Some commodities have increased in price much faster than the rate of inflation. According to government fig-ures, bread prices have risen 40-fold, vehicle licences 144fold, and Sunday newspapers



approximately 100-fold. Property prices have also shot up: a six-bedroom house in Wimbledon which cost £7,250 in 1947 now sells for £775,000, an

increase of more than 100-fold. Over the years the notional shopping basket has been greatly expanded to reflect the changing fads, fashions and

technologies of the advancing years. In the late 1940s, when Denis Compton was smashing cricket records and an: austed nation was recovering from the Second World War, items included wild rab-bits (before skinning), back lacing corsets, a pound of soda, sewing machines and gramophone records. By the 1950s, items such as

NHS prescription charges, Tupperware, brown bread and second hand cars had found their way onto the list. In the 1960s, the growing trend in convenience shopping was acknowledged by the inclusion of fish fingers, crisps and sliced bread. The modish motor scooter also found a

to change, so did the list. The 1970s saw the inclusion of duvets, mortgage interest pay-ments, electric hairdryers and the home perm kit, which held its place only briefly. The fastliving consumer culture of the 1980s brought in frozen meals, microwave ovens, eye test fees and condoms. Today; most of the new

entries involve advances in technology. They include CD-ROMS, computer games, sat-ellite dishes and Eurotomei More than a quarter of race

admit to loving shopping, according to a survey of Brit-ish clothes buying by the indutrial analysts, Mintel.

wives will think, while women are more swayed by whether their clothes suit their shape.

The survey found that both sexes spend an average of £39.41 a month on clothes, but a quarter of men spend less than ElO a month. At the others end of the scale, men are more likely than women to spend more than E75 on their wardrobes. Moira Paterson, the report's

author, said: "Men are definitely more fashion conscious than they used to be Men's. lifestyle magazines have grown up enormously, provid-ing a vehicle for advertising and offering a lead.

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Script agent writes off British films

Stars agree that too little time and money is being spent on screenplays

FROM DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT, IN VENICE

BRITISH film producers were accused yesterday of rushing sub-standard scripts into procial time and money in their

According to Julian Fried-mann, a literary agent who specialises in film and television scripts, that is the real reason why half the films. made in Britain fail to screening: they do not

deserve to be shown. He said the problem was that few British producers differentiated between good and bad scripts when they had already raised the money to go production.

Many producers can't even read, he said. They get a script and think, Okay. I've had rows with producers who say. 'We've got the money and we're ready to go." But the script has not been ready." He added "Directors don't always know much about

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Scripts, either."
The Americans invest an

budget on script development, compared to the British average of I to 2 per cent. Mr Friedmann, author of How To Make Money Scriptwriting, said it showed. "Most are nonsense. The Americans are not being extravagant. It's an investment that will be earned back many times over. We pay little more than lip service to writers. In the US, their work

to understand that the Ameri-6 Many producers can't even read. They get a script and they think, 'Okay.' But the script has not been ready ?

is usually subject to stringent critical-processes in an at-tempt to improve it."

While he is not suggesting that the Americans produce one classic after another, he believes that they come closer to understanding an audience's need for an "emotional experience", as well as a cerebral one, while the British

fail to achieve the balance. Britain's biggest box-office hit. "That's what made it successful," said Mr Friedmann. whose clients include Michael Ridpath, a stockbroker for whose first novel. Free to Trade, deals worth £750,000 The agent's views were echoed by Emma Thompson, who

won an Oscar for her screenplay for Sense and Sensibility. She was at the Venice Film Festival yesterday to promote her latest film, The Winter Guest. Recalling her Austen adaptation, she said: "It took me five years, not every day. but I was rewriting endlessly. The important thing is to give vourself snace between drafts. Then, when it comes back, you don't resent chucking out everything and starting

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municating the stuff of drama." He said

that what American

gard as an early draft

was seen by many of their British counter-

parts as the final

product. The literary tradition

that British films boasted in

the 1940s and 1950s had dwin-

dled, and rarely did an audi-

ence leave a cinema recalling a

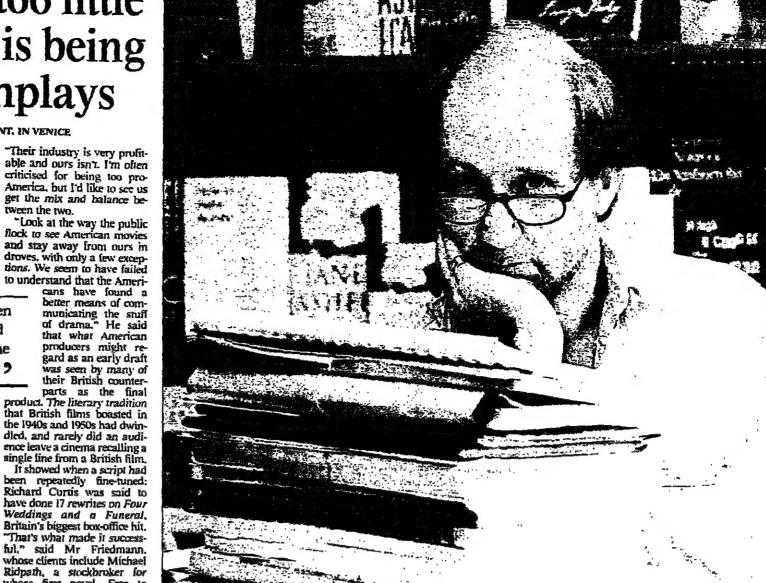
single line from a British film. It showed when a script had

been repeatedly fine-tuned: Richard Curtis was said to

have done 17 rewrites on Four

Weddings and a Funeral,

She agreed that producers did not spend enough time on the script. They think they've got the story and the structure and it's done. But it isn't. You have got to fill it with veins production stage.



believes that many British scripts need more than finetuning. His views are support-

you don't nurture your writers, you cannot have good

Alan Rickman, also in Venice to promote The Winter Guest, his directorial debut, said: "As an actor, it is the writing that in-The actor James Wilby, who was at the festival to talk about Regeneration, in which he

plays the war poet

Slegfried Sassoon. was more critical of the American approach, suggesting that writing suffered when created by committee. He enjoyed fine-tuning a script with the director at the

an active contempt for dia-logue and a complete lack of Mr Friedmann,

ed by Peter Ansorge, Channel

Julian Friedmann, who believes that British film producers are unable to tell a good script from a bad one

6 New movies often reveal an active contempt for dialogue and a complete lack of interest

4's former head of drama. In a

in human relationships 9 next month, From Liverpool to Los Angeles: On Writing for Theatre, Film and Television, Mr Ansorge laments the fact

that "new movies often reveal

interest in human relation-He lays the blame firmly at

a paradoxical way, the

the directors' feet. "The vast majority of directors in this book that will be published country are not writers and often have a fairly narrow vision of what a movie should be. In

> increased power of directors is leading to the absence of the writer from the set and the film-making process in general."

He adds: "From the 1930s to the 1950s, Hollywood was completely part of a literary tradition ... The illms were dependent on dialogue and economic story-telling. The director's contribution was of

course crucial; but no stars would have been made without great lines."

Summing up the differences in approach. Mr Friedmann said: A British director tends to linger rather too long on a scene. He'll show someone leaving a house, putting on a cout, locking his house, going down his drive, unlocking his car, driving off, stopping the car, taking his seat-belt off. walking up a drive of someone else's house. In an American film, you would see him pick up his car keys and the next shot would be of him ringing someone's doorbell." Audi were sophisticated enough to be able to use their imaginations for such super-

Cousin of murdered girl was top police suspect

GIRL whose torso wa found floating in the Tham was sexually assaulted an probably strangled before he body was dismembered.

Kirsty Tidman, 14, we missing in May this year ar was last seen alive with her year-old cousin, Paul Pearso who later committed suicid after being questioned police. Police regarded N family friend, as the ma suspect in her disappearance Poplar Coroner's Court East London was told.

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of her blood in the boot of the

Mr Tidman, from Charlto southeast London, agree with Dr Stephen Chan. I ager. Dr Chan said he wa satisfied that Kirsty had bekilled by someone known her. "The body was brutai and cruelly dismembered ar disposed of in the Riv Thames and was recovered but as yet the head remain

Police had been hoping charge Mr Pearson and we waiting for confirmation th suicide. Detective Inspect Alan Buttervant said: "Pa Pearson would have be charged with her murde Investigations vielded quite substantial amount of circur stantial evidence and I have no doubt in my mind he wou have been convicted."

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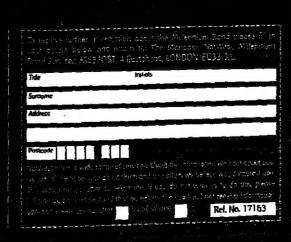
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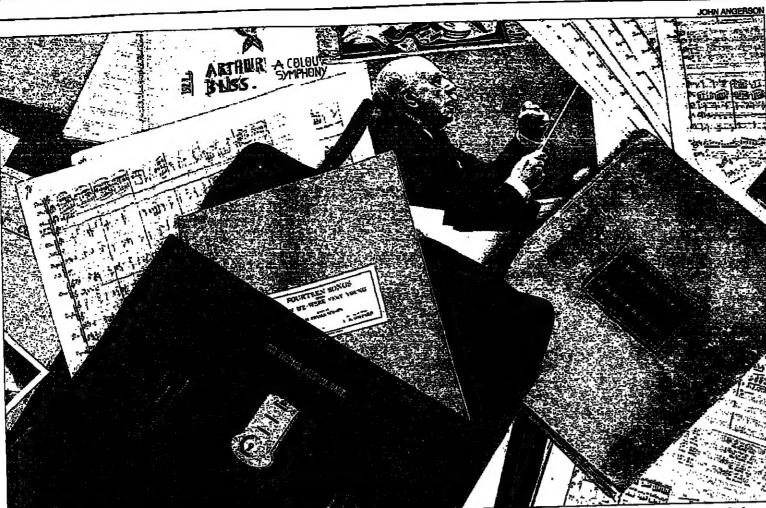
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Some of the items from the Beecham collection that Sir Thomas's widow has sold to Sheffield University, so that it will be available to scholars

University buys Beecham music library

THE music library of Sir Thomas Beecham, the most influential British conductor of the first half of the century, today becomes available to musicologists and researchers (Russell Jenkins writes). The University of Sheffield has acquired the manuscripts, including many annotated orchestral scores, from Beecham's widow, 36 years after his death.

The collection, which includes autographed 20th-century composispans the long career of the man who founded two orchestras, the London Philharmonic and the Royal Philharmonic, and championed the work of Delius and Sibelius. His interpretations of

Mozart were also much admired. The university, which declined to say how much it had paid, was delighted with the acquisition. which reflects Lady Beecham's desire to keep the papers together.

Michael Hannon, university li-brarian, said: "We agreed to buy the music library by private treaty. Had it been offered on the open market, it would probably be in North America by now."

Sir Thomas was a commanding figure in the worlds of orchestral and operatic music, especially between the wars. The son of Sir Joseph Beecham, the northern industrialist who gave his name to the pharmaceutical company.

he was born in St Helens in 1879. He was made a Companion of Honour in 1957, and cut a distinctive figure in front of an orchestra, with his pointed beard and magisteri-al air, and was well-liked by his musicians. Beecham's witticisms are

still quoted today. Lady Beecham said: "Sir Thomas particularly enjoyed his concerts in Sheffield City Hall and we shared a great affection for the city and its people."

Fluoride disputed deprives poor of greatest benefit

ply is the best way of improving the dental health of the poorest people, according to a

It reaches those who rarely brush their teeth and have not benefited from the revolution in dental health brought about by fluoride toothpaste. The study shows that tooth decay in the poorest areas can be cut by 54 per cent if fluoride is

added to the water.

Dr Colwyn Jones and colleagues at Wigan and Bolton Health Authority compared three areas: Hartlepool, where the water is naturally fluoridated; Newcastle upon Tyne and North Tyneside, where fluoride is added; and Salford and Trafford, where there is no fluoride.

They report in the British Medical Journal that tooth decay was lower by 44 per cent in the fluoridated areas, and by 54 per cent in the most deprived parts of those areas. In Hartlepool, where natural fluoride levels are higher than in artificially fluoridated areas, the benefits are correspondingly greater - a 66 per cent reduction of tooth decay, with a 74 per cent improvement in deprived areas.

On this evidence, and that of at least 100 other studies, water fluoridation is the answer to the Government's prayer for a simple means of reducing health inequalities. At very low cost it targets the poor, who suffer far greater

Nigel Hawkes on a study that

highlights the nation's dental health divide

problems with their teeth than the better-off.

Tooth decay has become a classic "two nations" problem. In middle-class homes with toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste, it has almost disappeared. But among the poorest, particularly in inner cities, it persists.

sent, only 12 per cent of the British population gets fluoridated water, and water companies are fighting shy of any new schemes. Despite proven health benefits, they are reductant to tangle with the anti-fluoridationists, who argue that nobody should be subjected to compulsory medication.

"We are all suffering from the intransigence of the privatised water companies." according to Sheila Jones, research and information officer of the Fluoridation Society. Sixty health authorities have gone through the proper publicity and consultation procedures and decided in favour of fluoridation, but when they asked the water companies, they said no."

The problem arises from ambiguous drafting of the 1985 Water (Fluoridation) Act. which the water companies claim gives them discretion to refuse requests from health authorities to fluoridate water. As a result, no new schemes have been implemented since 1985, although some schemes agreed before then have come into operation.

If anything, finoridation is in retreat, with Anglesey opting out and the Government deciding not to fluoridate water in Northern Ireland. Yorkshire Water has also decided against Sincere beliefs are

the argument. The water conpanies, as a Northumbrian Water spokesman put it, are "piggy in the middle". They gain nothing from fluorida-tion but risk lawsuits and public opposition from antifluoridationists.

"Water companies are under no legal obligation to fluoridate," a spokesman for the Water Services Association said. "Some have agreed to requests from health authorities to do so and some have not. It is open to Government and Parliament to impose that obligation."

And despite the evidence that doing so would help the poorest at very low cost, the signs are that the Government will be reluctant to legislate, which saddens proponents of fluoridation such as Mrs

-In Liverpool, where I work, one in three of five year olds going to school for the first time has had at least one tooth extracted under gas anaesthetic," she said. "That is deplorable."

The team reponsible for the new study writes: "Pain, misery, embarrassment and disfigurement are associated with poor dental health. Widespread water fluoridation is urgently needed as the costeffective, primary preventive measure capable of reducing the 'dental health divide' by improving the dental health of the poorer people in Britain."

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student gained a First

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PERFECTIONIST student killed himself because he thought he had failed his final examinations. His parents later discovered that he had gained a First.

James Wickings, 23, feared that for the first time in his life he had not reached his potential and had failed his honours course in French and European Business Studies at

Sussex University.

When he remrned to his parents home in Dartford. Kent, he became depressed and withdrawn. His mother, Anne, 53, a primary school teacher, said that he could not sleep and became very agitated and depressed.
His father, Adrian, 50, a

banker, took him to see a doctor, who prescribed sleeping pills.

However, after Mr Wick-ings's married sister and her three-year-old son had left the

house to go shopping, he hanged himself in the loft. His body was found by his young nephew.
Mrs. Wickings said: "It-is totally and absolutely an enigma. He had convinced himself that he had failed his exams. And the tragedy is that he had actually got a first-class bonours degree. We discovered this when we went to a

ersity near Lewes.

James was a perfectionist and would not take second best. A first-class degree was

memorial service at his univ-

Mr Wickings loved France and had spent a year studying in Foulouse. He aimed to lecture in linguistics after taking a PhD. He was also a keen musician, who played the plano, flute and guitar. His mother said: "He was a

funny character with a tre-mendoos sense lost humour. But ar the same time he was no angel and was just like any other person of his age. He had a life causide books."

Roger Hatch, the Coroner, recorded a verdict of suicide at an inquest in Divisiond. He said: It is well known that there is considerable pressure on students to pass exams

Suicide | Woman is jailed for bogus 999 calls

BY A STAFF REPORTER

WOMAN who made thousands of bogus emergen-cy calls was jailed yesterday after ambulance chiefs told a court that she was putting other people's lives at risk. Janette Green, 40, was often

taken to hospital by ambulance before becoming abusive and demanding to be taken straight home again. She had been known to dial 999, ask for the ambulance service and then leave the telephone off the hook. "It put an emergency line out of action, for several minutes until we could get BT to clear it," William Johnston, Cleveland's deputy chief ambulance officer, said.

Green was described in Teesside County Court as a danger to those in real need of help. She had been a menace to the three emergency services in Cleveland for more

than two years.

The ambulance headquarters in Middlesbrough took 169 calls from her in June, the court was told. Often she would be taken to hospital after complaining of chest pains or that she had been

Dougal Swan for the Cleveland Ambulance Trust. said: We do not want to put this lady in jail, but we have tried everything else, and we must stop her from putting other lives at risk."

Green, of Redcar, who was not at the hearing, was jailed . for 28 days. Judge Anthony Briggs said: She appears to have a personality disorder which makes her a computsive 999 caller, it is a most unusual case."

Green had been ordered by a judge on August 8 to stop pestering the ambulance service and was given a suspended sentence. Since then she had continued her plague of musauce calls, including 17 requests for an ambulance in the next nine days.

She had also plagued Cleveland police A spokesman said after the case "Janette Green is a constant problem. She calls up frequently, and always sounds as if she is in genuine distress."



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Robin Young samples a new way of selling an old ingredient

AFTER the row over alcopors aimed at young people, a new range of youth drinks came under suspi-cion yesterday because of one of their key ingredients. It's called

Energy drinks marketed as-super-stimulants for the young are on offer in Britain after starting life in America as "extreme" sports drinks. For many the list of ingredients reads more like the contents of a medicine cabinet than

of a soft drink. However, the Consumers' Associ-However, the Consumers Assertation is criticising three makes—
Red Bull Stimulation, X-plosiv and Richard Branson's Virgin Energy Drink — for marketing which it claims aimed to disguise the fact that the active ingredients in the factive ingredients in the series in the series in the series where simply sugar formulations were simply sugar and caffeine, All three were found to contain more than treble the level of caffeine contained in a can of Coca-Cola, and double the level advised by the Government for soft drinks. The companies insist there is no more caffeine in their drinks than in

a cup of coffee. Red Bull Stimulation, a leader in the fashion of repackaged energy drinks, sells at 99p for a 240ml can. The can lists the caffeine content as just 0.03 per cent. The makers

claim that the principal ingredient is taurine, an amino acid whose physiological effects they are reluc-

Britain is Harry Drnec, former European marketing director of the American brewery Anheuser-Busch and the man who made Sol lager, with a slice of lime in the neck, the vanpies' drink of choice.

have a deskload of evidence," Mr. Drnec said of his latest drink's properties. "But we are not allowed to advertise or discuss them, or we end up on the pharmacy shelves."

Other similarly compounded energy drinks entering the market include Hansens Energy, from Anaheim, California, which lists among its ingredients taurine, caffeine and ginseng, and Blue Jeans Power Drink, manufactured by Minnesota Brewing and distributed by Confetti Drinks, which contains taurine, guarana root from the Amazon, passion fruit and a vitamin mix and describes itself as a "cool, strong, sexy, high-energy powerdrink". A



Red Bulk makers refused

Betagen brand Sports Aid Powdered Dietary Supplement Drink Mix created by Experimental and Applied Sciences Inc contains creatine monohydrate, glutamine, and taurine. There is also a European brand called X-T-C.

Red Bull is advertised in the United States with television commercials claiming "Red Bull gives

A rival called Go-Go, with caf-feine, Siberian ginseng, guarana and taurine, sells in three flavours claiming a "more natural, more sustained" energy lift than straight caffeine drinks, and advertising on youth radio with the slogan: Wanna Go-Go".

Next month Britvic Soft Drinks is marketing Red Card, described as an "extended energy drink", with three different sugars designed to release energy for up to four hours. "It is a very controversial area,"

says Linda Pettit, editor of the trade magazine, SuperMarketing. The supermarkets are being very circumspect about the drinks they will stock, but potentially the market is

Mr Drner said: "The only way to know whether our products provide the kickstart we claim is to my one That may sound like clever mar-

keting. However, I have to admit that a can of Red Bull yesterday did not prevent me from enjoying my



A coronet, a doll and a cuddly toy fail to mollify Ella Cox, named yesterday as Miss Pears 1997

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Tears flow at crowning of the last Miss Pears

ELLA COX, a three-year-old blonde, burst into tears as she was crowned the 39th and last Miss Pears in London

yesterday.

She cried not because the company was discontinuing the contest but because her mother. Victoria Cossins, had been taken to hospital with suspected food poisoning and could not be with her to face the eameras. Attempts by her father, Nick, 31, failed to halt the flood. Mr Cox said: "She's prenty

freaked out at the moment, but I expect she'll get used to the attention. Her mother's in hospital and that's been quite upsetting for her." Ms Cossins 28, was told about her daughter's triumph by mobile phone. Mr Cox added: "I think it's lovely that Ella is the last Miss Pears. She will be immortalised as Miss Pears. It's a shame that no more little girls will be able

to enjoy this experience." Simon Bell, the company's marketing manager, said that the competition was ending because market research had convinced Pears to aim its 502p at style-conscious people in their twentles and thirties, rathor than at families.

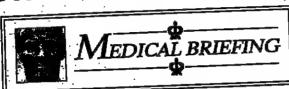
Later Ella, from Bath, was happy to puse with the second Miss Pears, Susan Sampson, 41, from Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Mrs Sampson, a mother of two said: "The competition is an institution and it's terribly sad that it's ending 1 really enjoyed being Miss Pears, although I don't remember anything of the actual day."

Children can cope with coffee better than adults

THE effect of caffeine on children has been investigate ies. Soft drinks are the principal source, but the overall intake was less than

in a study published last year in The Archives of Paediatric and Adolescent Medicine, classroom behaviour as judged by teachers. mance of children, were found to be unrelated to their caffeine intake. However, children taking caffeine drinks were judged by parents to be more outgoing and

In children over the age of six months the liver metabolises caffeine faster than in adults. Even some adults livers deal with caffeine five times more rapidly than do those of equally healthy con-temporaries. Smoking and heavy exercise increase the rate at which the body metabolises coffee the Pili. metabolises coffee the Pill. Contrary to popular belief a pregnancy, liver disease and person has to be a heavy



various drugs used to treat indigestion and epilepsy may Caffeine stimulates the

central nervous system. It increases alermess and wakefulness. It improves physical performance, hence the Olympic ruling that its intake has to be limited. In a susceptible athlete even three cups of coffee, or its equivalent in soft earn the Olympic regulators'

disapproval.
Coffee is, to some extent, addictive, and withdrawal symptoms follow when it is given up. These include irrita-bility, sleeplessness and headaches, and may persist for a

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coffee drinker for it to affect the heart adversely. At worst its influence on heart rhythm and the sensation of palpitations is negligible. The British Heart Foundation recommends that up to six cups a day for a healthy person will

not significantly increase the

risk of a heart attack. However, as animal studies have shown that caffeine can induce miscarriages, the American medical profession has recommended that pregnant women should reduce their coffee intake to a minimum. But there is no convincing evidence of harmful effects to foetuses.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

NHS will use private clinic for anorexics'

By Alexandra Frean

PRIVATE company in Gloucestershire is offering to provide long-term residential treatment for girls with eating disorders at a cost to the public of more than £70,000 a year

per girl.

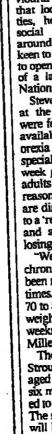
Marlowe Child and Family
Services, which runs homes
for young people with behavioural problems, believes that local education authorities, health authorities and social services departments around the country will be keen to use the centre, which is to open in November, because of a lack of facilities in the National Health Service.

Steve Miller, director of care at the company, said there were few long-term care beds available for sufferers of an-orexia and bulimia. "Most special services provide 12-13 week programmes for young adults until they reach a reasonable target weight and are discharged. This can lead to a 'revolving door' syndrome and a cycle of gaining and losing weight," he said. "We will be treating the very

chronic cases where girls have been renourished a number of times, but have gone down to 70 to 80 per cent of what their weight should be within a few weeks on each occasion," Mr Miller added.

The Marlow centre, in Stroud, will take up to six girls aged 10 to 16 for a minimum of six months. Many are expected to stay for more than a year. The specialist medical adviser will be Dr Jill Wellbourne, of Bristol Royal Infirmary, who lectures at Bristol University







Woman is jailed for नेम्लप्रसाह

Swiss in widening sterility scandal

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE furore in Switzerland over revelations that doctors forcibly sterilised mental patients widened vesteroity after allegations that the practice was continuing and a government critic demanded an official investigation.

Government ducked responsibility, saying that the 26 cantons of the 5wiss federation each made their own decisions on public health.

In Austria, the Government announced that it will review vague legislation on the sterilisation of minors and those in care. amid a growing storm over revelations about forced sterilisations.

The reason for the proposed review is that the aw dies not contain sufficient clear rules for regulating permission for sterilisation." Nikolaus Michalek, the Justice Min-

Cook delivers rights sermon to Asians

ROBIN COOK risked a row over human rights and arms sales in Indonesia on the second leg of his South-East Asia tour last night.

In a politically symbolic move, his first act on arriving in Jakarta was to telephone Bishop Carlos Belo - winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and leading independence campaigner in East Timor, the former Portuguese colony an-nexed by Indonesia. Jakarta has been accused of serious human rights abuses against the East Timorese and there are renewed reports of Indone-

sian military action. The Foreign Secretary told the bishop: "I want to take the opportunity of making the point of speaking to you."

Earlier yesterday in Kuala Lumpur, the first stop of his four-nation tour, Mr Cook signalled his uncompromising support for the Western concept of human rights. In a direct rebuttal of his Malaysian hosts' calls for a revised United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, the Foreign



The Foreign Secretary is risking discord with his firm human rights stance, writes David Watts from Jakarta

reasonable to require all members of the UN to abide by the rules of membership set out in the 1948 declaration.

Despite pre-trip promises not to preach to the countries of the region, there remained a seemingly immutable commitment to the existing declaration. A last-minute change of text, as a sop to Malaysian sensibilities, in which Mr Cook noted that "no one country should lecture others on their duty", failed to temper his criticism.

Malaysia and China, among others, are seeking amendments to the declaration to take greater account of economic rights and to play down its political and social content. His insistence on the universality of human rights will resonate in Indonesia as

well as The Philippines and Singapore, where judgment is being awaited in a controversial libel action against Ben Jeyaretnam, the Opposition leader. Significantly, Mr Cook picked out only the Burmese Government by name as an

abuser of human rights.

"Human rights," he said in speech to Malaysia's Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, "are a fundamental of foreign policy. There is room for debate about the implementation but not about the principle. Promotion of personal freedoms is central to the goals we all share: free and open societies, dynamic economies trading together as part of a safe and prosperous international community."

Mr Cook said there was no conflict between human rights

the contrary, those at the leading edge of technology are the very countries with the strongest institutions." democratic

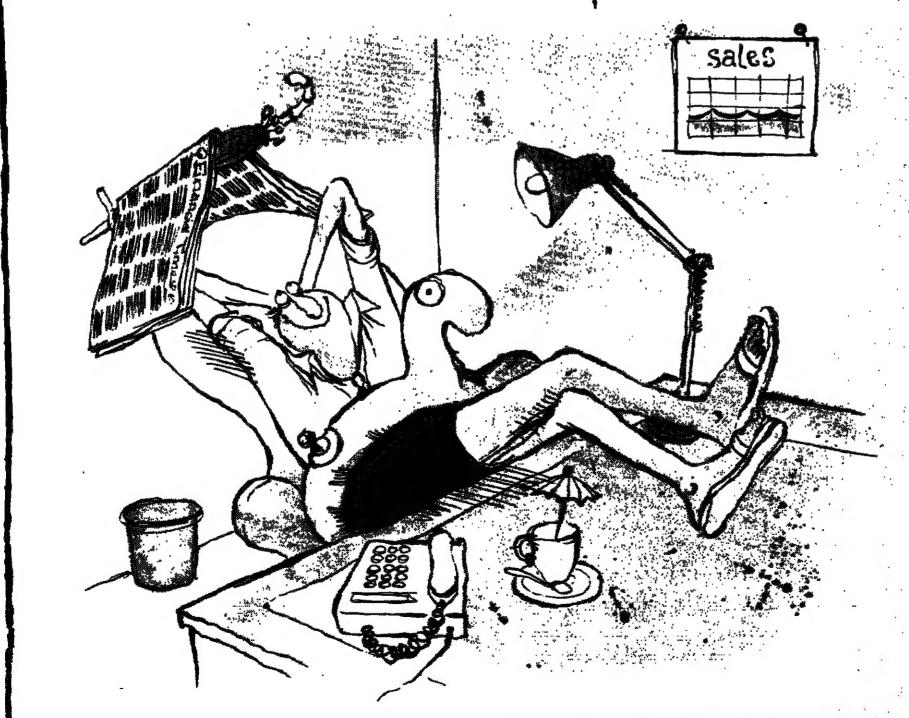
He declared: This is no accident. The most prosperous economies of the next century will be those which have liberated the energy and the creativity of their people." Mr Cook's views were quiet-

ly contested by Abdullah Badawi, the Malaysian For-eign Minister, who said: "We have different cultural values. We have to deal with it in our own way but that doesn't mean that we don't recognise freedom of the individual." He added: "I think in human rights it's very difficult to have one common yardstick that is universally applicable." Over lunch Mr Cook had

amicable talks with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, who pronounced that relations with Britain were healthy after Malaysia's "Buy British Last" campaign and the row over the Pergau Dam funding.



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Historian sheds light on Il Duce's view of Hitler

AN ITALIAN historian has revived controversy over the relationship between Musso-lini and Hitter, pointing out that although the two dicta-tors were allies. Mussolini secretly regarded the Führer as "a tragic buffoon, a megalomaniac and a sexual deviant".

Fabio Andriola argues in a new book, Mussolini: Hitler's Secret Enemy, that "Natism-Fascism" is "a left-wing invention", since the ideological roots of the Italian and German Far Right were very

The wartime Axis "Pact of Steel" was purely tactical as far as Mussolini was con-cerned. Signor Andriola told La Stampa. Historians had "preferred to ignore the con-tinuous and obsessive hostilwhich Mussolini felt towards the German world".

time relationship with Germany comes at a time when relations between Rome and Bonn are tense because of German doubts over Italy's ability to qualify for the single European currency. Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minster, raised eyebrows in Bonn earlier this month by saying Helmut Kohl's ruling Christian Democrats were making a "serious and dangerous mistake" by opposing Italian membership of the euro.

Signor Andriola traces Mussolini's dislike of Germany to his youthful period as editor of a socialist newspaper in Trento, in Alto Adige. "He learned German, admired Goethe and Hegel. But his hostility towards pan-Germanism in all its forms grew. He was terrified of the idea of a powerful and threatening Germany at the heart of Europe."

In the 1920s Hitler, who liked Mussolini, consulted Il Duce on how to make a

Wartime Axis was purely

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mistrust and

hostility, writes

Richard Owen Fascist revolution: But Mussolini found Mein Kampf "a boring tome", and regarded Hitler's thought as "utterly incoherent". When the two first met in 1934, in Venice, Hitler was impressed by Mussolini's theatrical uniform

and popular appeal, but Mussolini described the Führer as a "sexually suspect buffoon. handshake, and absurd facial movements which made his strands of hair take up comic positions. He is a gramophone with only seven tunes. and once he has finished playing them he starts all over gain." Mussolini observed.

Franco De Felice, a rival historian, yesterday said that Signor Andriola had underestimated the extent to which they had more in common than differences. Signor Andriola agreed they had a common passion for ritual. myth, and regimented parades. But he said Fascist ideology purported to revive whereas Nazism rested on an alleged rediscovery of Teutonic roots, with Italians seen as

racially suspect.

He added that Mussolini adopted racial laws in Italy only after his invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 and his attempt to colonise Africa, remarking: This racism is stuff for those blonde Ger-

Bonn tries to dispel fears of euro delay

FROM ROGER BOYES

THE uncertain future of Theo Waigel; the German Finance Minister, cast a shadow yesterday over a Franco-German summit intended to dispelfears that European monetary union was drifting off course The political and economic

problems dogging Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. contrast starkly with the high popularity ratings of Lionel ospin, the French Prime Minister, and have prompted French commentators to spot a favourable shift in the Bonn-Paris axis. But the French are also worried that Germany. unable to box its way out of its enduring crisis, might move to delay the start of euro.

Yesterday, both leaders emphasised their commitment to a punctual start to monetary union and said they were aiming to meet the entry targets on public sector debt. Later, a German statement said: Germany and France. stand unconditionally by the agreements aireany mans and will do everything to fulfil the conditions for the introduction

of the euro." Shortly before M Jospin



Waigel: symbol of the

arrived in Bonn, the French central bank said that it was possible the budget deficit would be on the 3 per cent of gross domestic product target for the euro. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development predicts that Germany will be slightly

over at 3.2 per cent. Herr Waigel's obvious exhaustion in his job has become a symbol of the weakness of the Kohl Government. His shaky position has also fuelled rumours that there is a row simmering in Bonn corridors over delaying the euro.

FROM SAM KILEY

THE former Foreign Min-

ister, R.F. Pik Botha, nearly dismissed for predicting at the beight of apartheid that South Afric

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black president, said fest terday that a new National

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party supporters were left with a choice hetween

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after this week's resigna-

As obscurity and disinate

gration loomed for the

once mighty "Nats", after months of defection on the

ieft of the party and the sudden exit of Mr de Klerk, the former Presi-dent, Mr Botha, 65, threw

his hat into the ring to challenge for the top job.

His move came after Hernus Kriel, Premier of

the Western Cape provin-

cial assembly, who had-been seen as the front runner, withdrew from the

Those left in the field are

white party officials who are seen as unlikely to be

able to drag the party back into the limelight to chall-enge the African National

Congress.

Mr Botha, author of South Africa's foreign poli-

cy during the years of "destabilisation" when

Pretoria sponsored civil

wars in Angola, Mozam-

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After the 1994 elections $\mathcal{A} \subseteq V_{n, n} \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{2}$ he was quick to get rid of his suit and switch into Nigerian-style traditional African garb. He has insisted he was very much a

"son of Africa".

His prodigious energy guaranteed him the job as Minister of Mines when the party joined the ANCdominated Government of National Unity in 1994.

when Mr de Klerk withdrew from the coalition Government in June last year and has been anxious for a prominent new role in South Africa ever since.



Wary Beijing Botha treads softly calls for black in Hong Kong party leader

THE grini-visaged statue of Queen Victoria still gazes down imperiously on picture snapping Japanese tourists in Victoria Park, and Chinese minus, the prosperous wives of talpans, still take tea at the posh Mandarin and Peninsu-

Thousands of Filipina maids have not been sent home, and they still gather like brightly plumaged birds in central areas to socialise at the stall sent the Hotels. in central areas to socialise at weekends. Red-faced stal-warts of the British community still repair to the exclusive Hong Kong Club, once an imperial bastion, to discuss the rollercoaster property and

stick markets.

China's red flag is flying at a few strategic points in Hong Kong, symbolically, there is one over the Legislative Council building. In the garden of former Governor Chris Patagore consistently official resistance. stick markets. ten's now empty official residence. Hong Kong's new flag.
a banhania orchid on a red background with China's five stars, dangles limply from a flagpole in the rain.

But two months after the British handover of sovereignty of the former colony to China and despite Beijing's scrapping of the popularly elected legislature, the situation here is one of fingers crossed, so far, so good", a senior Western diplomat said

Until yesterday, Hong Kong had fought off assaults on its currency that sent the economies of Thailand and other South-East Asian nations reeling. This place had more reason to have the jitters," one financial analyst noted. However, yesterday the Hang Seng index shed 2.40 per cent, or 372.48 points, to 15,161.47.

These are still very early days, the Western diplomat said. But Beijing has taken a softly-softly approach and there has been no major

China's choice of Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region, the genial shipping mag-nate Tung Chee-hwa, may have seen to it that the Beijingappointed legislature passed laws that could be used to



Two months after Britain's handover of sovereignty, China has made no major changes, James Pringie reports

limit political expression in future. Nevertheless, he has said there would be elections

for a new legislature next year. Critics charge there will be impediments to keep the Democratic Party from gaining the number of seats it had in the disbanded legislature, and that Mr Tung and his "fat cats" — pro-China tycoons who are his closest advisers will rule with as little input from the legislature as possible. Arthur Hacker, a local



was a brilliant choice. He is everybody's favourite cuddly

communist 9

historian and artist, said: "I expected the Chinese to come in and announce, We are the masters now', but it has been quite different. Everyone has gone out of their way to be polite — including taxi drivers or the first time. This has been a very carefully calibrated takeover.

At the main military garrison in central Hong Kong, still called the Prince of Wales Barracks, two soldiers of the People's Liberation Army - almost the only

visible sign of a Chinese troop presence - on guard at the gate are less stolid and impassive than expected. They respond to the greeting Ni Hao, meaning "How are you", with a quick nod and a half-smile. Thankfully, the PLA is keeping its armoured personnel carriers well out of sight," one European businessman said. The officers and men of the

PLA here are not used to Western capitalist society yet," noted a Chinese source. Sometime in the future when they understand how this society works, they may be seen more often, but only

Western envoys give Beijing high marks for appointing two sophisticated former ambassadors to Britain, Ma Yuzhen and Jiang Enzhu, to key posts in the arm of China's Foreign Ministry here, and at the Xinhua news agency which used to be Beijing's unofficial embassy in Hong Kong. Mr Ma addresses foreign business associations, reassuring his audience of a stable future and of Beijing's intention not to intervene, but to honour rigorously the "one country, two systems" policy initiated by Deng Xiaoping, the late Chinese leader "Ma was a brilliant choice."

one diplomat said. "He is everybody's favourite cuddly communist, extremely good at putting forward the acceptable face of Chinese communism." Under Mr Jiang's stewardship, Xinhua will supposedly largely revent to reporting news, though some Hong Kong residents say it conducts other functions such as intelligence-gathering. Demonstrations calling for the release of detained Chinese dissidents have not stopped, though they are now held outside Mr Tung's office rather than at Xinhua. "We were told before not to interfere in China's



internal affairs, but we are part of China now so we should speak out when citizens are jailed for human rights activities," said Lee Cheuk-yan, an unseated former legislator and trade union

There have also been demonstrations outside the office of the Foreign Ministry commissioner. "It is unusual for our staff, but it is something we should get used to." a Chinese source said. "China will not interfere in Hong Kong's internal affairs and way of life. It is crucial that Taiwan sees that such a system can work, so we will do

nothing to upset it. Already Taiwan seems to show small signs that it understands this." With reunion with Taiwan in mind, Chinese officials seem genuine in not wanting to interfere. But with China's emphasis on control and fear

of disorder, it would be unusual if it did not ultimately take a more hands-on approach.

a Chinese source declared.

There is no guarantee that all

So far, Hong Kong's border with China remains sealed. residents say, and there are fewer Chinese tourists. "Numbers of our officials have asked to visit Hong Kong since July I, but we have kept them out,

this will not change in the future, analysts point out.

The British still get high marks for a dignified exit. They showed they were a big country in spirit." said an 85year-old Hong Kong Chinese voman. There has been no let up in

the rain that cascaded on the handover ceremonies, setting a new wet weather record in the former colony.

Those who back China's

takeover say the downpour is washing away 156 years of the shame of British imperialism". Those who regret the handover say it is

'Rabin ready for deal on Golan Heights'

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK RABIN, the Istaeli Prime Minister assassinated in 1995, agreed in principle to discuss pulling out of the Golan Heights in return for suitable peace and security arrangements with Syria, a former Israeli negotiator said

yesterday. Itamar Rabinovich, Israeli Ambassador to the United States and former head of negotiations with Syria, made the disclosure after publication secret minutes of the talks. He confirmed a report in Haaretz that Rabin laid out terms for a deal in 1993 and 1994 with Warren Christopher, the former US Secretary

Rabin told Mr Christopher that he was ready to negotiate a withdrawal of Israeli troops to the borders Israel occupied before capturing the Golan from Syria on June 4, 1967. The condition was that Rabin should know in advance that Syria was prepared to accept his terms for security arrange ments in the Golan Heights: true peace, full diplomatic relations and open borders. If so. Rabin would have agreed to discuss negotiating a withdrawal from an area including the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee and part of the east bank of the River Jordan. That message was relayed

to President Assad of Syria. But a willingness to discuss a territorial compromise was apparently not enough to entice the Arab leader. He wanted more than an agreement to talk: he wanted an Israeli commitment to give up the Golan Heights. As Mr Rabinovich put it: "Assad didn't want to smell the meal, he wanted to consume the

Mr Rabinovich said of any possible future negotiations that the position of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, was not much different from Rabin's. Mr Netanyahu had said that the

depth of any peace treaty with Syria would be in relation to the depth of border security

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Kinshasa obstructs UN human rights mission

By Peter Capella in geneva and James Bone in New York John Weston, the British Am-

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A UNITED NATIONS mission of inquiry into the alleged massacre of tens of thousands of Rwandan refugees in the former Zaire earlier this year. has been thrown into jeopardy within days of the team's arrival in Kinshasa.

John Mills, a spokesman in Geneva, said the UN had received a letter from the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo raising "a number of serious concerns which could call into question the ability of the investigative mission to

In the letter two senior

ministers are said to have objected to the head of the new mission, Atsu-Koffi Amega, a former Chief Justice in Togo, refused to give visas to the six security officers and the 23strong team and demanded that it work with an African

The two ministers also refused permission for UN guards to accompany the investigators into the countryside, effectively preventing the team from searching for suspected mass graves. The letter drew immediate

criticism at UN headquarters where it was denounced by Sir

bassador, in his capacity as this month's president of the 15-nation Security Council. Muhammad Sahnoun, the UN special envoy for the Great Lakes region, was yesterday seeking an urgent meeting with Congo's President Kabila in an attempt to

save the three-month mission. Kinshasa is also continuing to block the creation of a new UN office in the capital under Robin Kinlock, a British development expert. A World Bank mission to assess the country's economic needs has also been put on hold.

Mir team prepares for spacewalk to carry out repairs

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE commander of Russia's space station Mir and a British-born Nasa astronaut yesterday began preparations for a potentially hazardous spacewalk next week to patch up the ageing orbiter.

According to mission con-trol, Anatoli Solovyov, the veteran cosmonaut, and Michael Foale, the Cambridge-educated astronaut, were readying themselves and their equipment for a mission scheduled for Wed-

The men will put on spacesuits and crawl along nesday. handrails on Mir's hull to locate where the Spekir mod-ule was punctured when it was rammed in June by a

supply ship. The accident, the worst in a litany of mishaps on Mir this year, led to the evacuation of the module and the loss of nearly half the spacecraft's electricity. Mr Foale lost all his research work.

Last week Pavel Vinogradov, the third crew member, reconnected vital power cables from Spektr to Mir and now the plan is to repair and rehabilitate the module itself.

Nasa has still not given final approval for its astronaut to take part in the spacewalk and is likely to delay a decision until a dress rehearsal on Monday. Nevertheless, the two men

began the lengthy preparations needed for the mission, including reading manuals, checking equipment and performing arm excercises. In addition to planned

work on Spektr, the crew has used the renewed power supplies to reactivate two other modules on Mir, Kvant2 and Kristall, where much of the scientific research work is usually conducted. "In Kristall they will gradu-

ally turn on equipment," said a mission control spokeswoman "Other than the heater, ventilation and fan nothing was on before today, but now they will turn on the scientific devices and test their

reliability."

Kristall is also the only module with the correct docking port for the American space shuttle and it must be in full working order by the time Atlantis is scheduled to dock with Mir late next month.





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Radio incites Serbs to attack Nato force

AMERICAN troops vesterday fired teargas at angry crowds of Busnian Serbs as the leadership struggle between President Playsic and Radovan Karadzic, her predecessor, threatened to spill over into widespread violence pitting Serbs against one another and against Nato forces.

Several towns in eastern Republika Srpska. Dr Karadzic's shrinking stronghold. are in open revolt against Mrs Playsic and the Nato Stabilisation Force troops they believe she is colluding with. The worst trouble yesterday centred on Breko, the port on the Sava River that straddles the strategic ten-mile corridor that joins Republika Srpska's eastern and western halves. Two US soldiers were injured in the town when they were beaten by demonstrators. Nei-

ther was seriously hurt. There were also attacks on Nato soldiers and United Nations police in Zvornik, deeper into eastern territory and on the border with Serbia, and in the nearby town of Bijelina. The trouble began on Wed-

International troops have become targets in the Bosnian power struggle. Tom Walker writes from Brcko

Klickovic, appealed on local

radio for people to continue

your aggression until the situ-

ation is resolved". Groups of

Karadzic supporters dutifully

pelted Nato vehicles with

By yesterday morning the

situation in Brcko was run-

ning out of control, with

crowds outside the police sta-

tion and down at the river crossing into Croatia. UN

international police vehicles were systematically smashed.

and an Egyptian police moni-

tor had to be escorted by the

Nato troops to safety after he

was attacked by a mob.
American helicopters

dropped teargas canisters.

putting most of the crowds to

flight but cementing the anti-

Nato sentiment. By midday

angry, drunken mobs roamed

stones throughout the day.

nesday night as Nato troops entered Brcko police station to find pro-Karadzie police suspected of fomenting unrest in Brcko and a crowd gathered outside. Local police fired in the air but as more people spilled on to the streets the local authorities began sounding air raid sirens. Brcko radio exhorted listeners to attack Nato troops and UN interna-

tional police. UN monitors were unable to say if the bid to install police loyal to Mrs Playsic had been successful, and the 58 moniturs themselves had to be evacuated by Nato troops after spending ten hours barricaded in their office.

Similar scenes were repeated in Bijelina. where the president of the Republika Srpska assembly. Gojko

international property they could find.

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Foreigners were taunted by the Serb mobs and told to leave town or face the consequences.

Bastards, leave us in our homes," they screamed. By early evening a throng of around a thousand was converging on the Nato barricades sealing the entrance to the bridge. Robert Farrand, the American

human rights administrator in Breko, said the mob was "bent of destroying the Dayton peace process".

He said the "behaviour by the Serb media was outrageously irresponsible and

dangerous' ☐ Banja Luka: President Milosevic's plane has been cleared to land here today. airport officials said. Rumours have circulated for days that the Yugoslav President would visit the town, stronghold of Mrs Playsic, to intervene in the power struggle opposing her and pro-Karadzic



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would remain a presidential aide. He will be replaced by Andrei Kokoshin, who has served as First Deputy Delence Minister.

The reshuffle appeared unlikely to affect the pace or scope of reforms planned for the armed forces, which face cuts of about half a million troops, including 500 generals. The course of the reform programme is in the hands of General Igor Sergeyev, the Defence Minister appointed this year.

In other Cabinet moves, Anatoli Adamishin, former Ambassador to London, was appointed minister in charge of relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States and Natalia Dementyeva was named Culture Minister. Dementyeva was named Culture Minister. 41 die in Venezuela jail riot At least 41 immates were killed and 22 seriously injured during a prison riot at a high security jail in remote Venezuelan Jungle (Gabriella Gamini writes). The riot in the El Dorado jail broke out in the early hours after a shoot-out between prison guards and a group of inmates who tried to escape. Prisoners turned on guards who foiled the escape attempt by a drug trafficker and three others. Police said the jail, which is surrounded by

Frenchman grandfather at 32

rainforest and is at least 200 miles from the totally destroyed by fire. "We found some of the charred remains of prisoners in their cells. But many of them were killed in the shoot-out," said Hilarion Cardozo, the Justice Minister.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Yeltsin sacks chief

military reformer

Moscow: President Yeltsin dismissed Yuri Baturin, the mastermind of his military reforms, from his post as head of the Defence Council yesterday (Richard Beeston writes). The Kremlin said that Mr Baturin had been relieved of his duties but would remain a presidential aide. He will be replaced by Andrei

Toul: Franck Petitdemange, right, a hospital cook, has become France's youngest grandfather at the age of 32 and four months, according to the Guinness Book of Records. His daughter Peggy, a 16-year-old high school student, gave birth to a 7½ lb baby girl named Mallaury in this eastern French town vesterday. The father, Kevin, is also 16. The previous record was held by Jean-Calude Vedis from Lezigne, western France, who became a grand-father at the age of 33. (AFP)

Bonn plea for landmines ban Geneva: Germany, vowing to destroy all its anti-personnel land-mines by the end of the year, said it wanted a global ban on the weapons. Günther Seibert, German envoy to the UN-sponsored disarmament conference, said here that Bonn was committed to the "Ottawa Process" aimed at reaching a treaty in December. But it also saw a vital role for the Geneva forum, which has been struggling towards a global landmines ban, he said. China and Russia are participating only in the UN talks, meaning that a universal ban can be clinched only in Geneva. (Reuters)

Rape 'was woman's fault'

Manila: The Philippines Supreme Court acquitted a Filipino tour guide who had been sentenced to death for raping a 30-year-old British actress, saying that the woman was at fault. The woman had been half asleep in a dark cottage in a beach resort in the western island of Palawan in 1994 when Silvino Salarsa entered and had sex with her. She assumed it was her boyfriend who was out spear-fishing. The court ruled that she was at fault since she "had the opportunity to ascertain the identity of the man but preferred to allow things to happen as they did". (AFP)

McVeigh lawyer is replaced



Denver: An appeals court replaced Stephen Jones, left, as chief lawyer for Timothy McVeigh with another ment-ber of the defence team. McVeigh. sentenced to die for the April 19, 1995 bombing in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people, had wanted Mr Jones off the case, contending that the lawyer a had told him lies and "screwed up badly". Mr Jones denied the allegations but said McVeigh had become so angry and self-destructive that he felt he could no longer represent him. (AP)

Celtic tomb found in Poland

Warsaw: Archaeologists have discovered the tomb of a Celtic warrior dating back to the second century BC in northern Poland, a find which suggests that Celtic civilisation was more widespread than previously thought. The fairly well-preserved tomb in the Kujawy region contains the remains of a man 6ft 3in tall, a sword 3ft 3m in length and several spearheads, Ryszard Grygiel, the head of the team, said. The find "attests to a larger expansion of Celts towards the north", he said, (AFP)

Indian has his work cut out

Bombay: An Indian government employee has got back his job after a 25-year court battle, just in time for his retirement. A court ruled that Govind Gurav be given back his job as a junior mechanic and receive compensation of 200,000 rupees (£3,500). Mr. Gurav is 58, the official age of retirement, and would have earned 350,000 rupees during the period. He was sacked in 1973 after the scheme he was working on came to an end. (AFP)





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King crown

BIG MAC, the heavy-weight champion of the fast-food world, is squar-ing up for a searing panch-up against Big King. a oocky new challenger from the stable of Parmeer King. the stable of Burger King. Unveiled in New York vesterday, and on sale across America on Monday, the Big King is - as its candid name suggests pretty darn big. In fact, so big is it that the Big Mac, itself no slonch in the

size stakes, stands emphatically dwarfed. The burger-come-lately's beef paties weigh an imposing 2.802, com-pared with Big Mac's 1.602. Burger King may be mincing more meat for its new burgers, but it is certainly mincing no words "Get your Burger's worth", it is telling the nation in a randous adver-

tising campaign.

The company, owned by
Grand Metropolitan, the British food and drink conglomerate, is spending \$20 million (£12.5 million) on saturation advertising. beginning on Sunday, which is intended to blitz those captive American families who will be gived to their televisions over the

Labour Day weekend.

American commercials are more direct than the ones in Britain. So Burger King is announcing that its new champ is like a Big Mac, only it has more beef than bread". Other burger is "just like a Big Mac, except that it's got 75 per cent more beef. And it's flame broiled."

Yes, "fiame-broiled" it is, regarded by gournets as a tastier way to dish our those burgers than merely grilling them. The Big King, however, will sell at pauper's price. At a bewilderingly cheap 99 cents — as opposed to \$1.98 for the jewel in the Mc-Donald's crown - ghis tons can scoff two Big Kings for the price of one

Big Mac. Charles Ebeling. spokesman for McDonald's, however, reacted to the latest threat with a flourish of his cher's hat. He said: "There is only one Big Mac, and nobody else can sell one. Nothing else has the taste of a Big Mac, which is more than the sum of its parts. It's a brand that is the gold standard of bamburgers." However, insiders say



Political life of the Upstart Kennedys eyes up draws to burger draws to a close

THE Kennedys may have come close to the end of their political road yesterday when Congressman Joseph Kennedy, son of the late Robert Kernedy, announced that he will not run for Governor of

Massachusens.

Mr Kennedy, the only clan
member of the post-John F.
Kennedy generation still in
politics, had once hoped to waltz into the governor's mansion in a state regarded by Americans as a Kennedy fieldom. But, buffeted relentlessly by press criticism brought on as much by the mis-demeanours of his cousins as by his messy divorce from Sheila Rauch, Mr Kennedy has rapidly lost ground in recent months.

So stark has been the decline in his fortunes that many were predicting that he might not even secure the Democratic Party's nomination for next year's gubernatorial election. Mr Kennedy's electoral fate was key to the continued presence in American politics



Joseph Kennedy will

of the Kennedy family. Senator Edward Kennedy, Mr Kennedy's uncle, is the only other member of the dynasty who is an elected politician. With the younger man's with-drawal from the Massachusetts Governor's race, the prospects of a single Kennedy remaining in politics once the

senator retires are dimming. Mr Kennedy's woes began when his former wife accused him of bullying her into conceding an annulment of their marriage. She wrote an acerbic account of their marital breakdown in a book, published in May, eliciting from him a public apology.

Mr Kennedy's ill fortune

worsened when, this month. news broke that he had held an illegal fireworks party at the family compound in Hyannisport. Fireworks are prohibited in Massachusetts and the television images of a man running for Governor apologising for breaking the law inflicted a gaping wound in Mr Kennedy's prestige.

Most damaging of all were the allegations levelled against

Michael, Mr Kennedy's brother, of an illegal sexual liaison with an underage babysitter. At no stage did Mr Kennedy take a public stand on the matter, allowing the widely held perception that the Kennedys were an amoral tribe. One family member who tried to check that perception only made matters worse. Writing in his magazine George, John F Kennedy Jr described Mr Kennedy and Michael as "poster boys for bad behaviour". A public attack by his own cousin, it seems, was the last straw.



Manolete: he is still a figure of controversy among lovers of the corrida

Spanish tribute to lost legend of the bull-ring

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

MANOLETE, the legendary matador, continues to cause controversy as Spain marks the 50th anniversary today of his death after being gored by a hull.

The matador from Cordoba, in the South, created a school of bullfighting which now dominates the corrida and which purists still blame for a decline in standards. Manolete ignored the old rules," Joaquin Vidal, bullfight critic of El País, said, "Later generations have con-sidered that the real artists were certain builfighters who broke with the Manolete school."

Manolete, whose real name was Manuel Rodri-guez was the son and grandson of hullfighters. His father died when he was six and he himself started fighting at the age of twelve. The young matador brought new drama and even greater risk to the bull-ring. His unorthodox style, upright, fluid and close in to the bull, required nerves of steel and great skill. The purists did not like it, but the crowds flocked to see him.

He was the first genuinely popular figure of bullfightng. His wealth and fame brought admiration and, at a time when Spain was pover-ty-stricken after the destruction wrought by the Civil War, great envy outside the bullfighting world. Manolete's every move

was followed by the press. He was nicknamed Monstruo", the monster. His wealth and his long-running affair with a cabaret artist, Lupe Sino, were the fodder of

popular gossip. Shortly be-fore his death Manolete, tired of the treatment he was receiving at home, threatened to leave Spain. He had already spent one season fighting in Mexico, where he was also a popular idol. He had only just turned 30 when he met a bull called Islero in the bull-ring at Linares in

southern Spain.

Manolete was famed for his skill and accuracy in carrying out "la suerte", the moment of death. But as he sank his sword into the bull's neck. Islero flicked his head upwards, opening a huge gash in Manolete's right

thigh.

The bullfighting world's bible. Los Toros de Cossio. blames the fighter for carrying out the kill too sluggishly. More recent reports suggest that Islero should not have been that dangerous because its horns had been illegally shaved before the fight.

Manulete was operated on and received a blood transfusion. The wound was not considered lethal. But over the next 24 hours he died a slow death, gradually losing all feeling in his body. The son of the local doctor who treated him said recently that it was not the buil that finally killed Manolete but an infected blood plasma taken to Linares by a Madrid doctor. The present top builfighter, Enrique Ponce, yesterday marked the anniversary of Manolete's death by fighting in the same bull-ring in Linares, against two hulls from the same breeding farm that produced Islero.

British MP attacks Whitehall's Montserrat policy

FROM TOM RHODES IN PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT

BERNIE GRANT, the Labour MP for Tottenham, last night criticised the British Government for trying to resolve Montserrat's woes from the relative safety of Whitehall.

Arriving at the makeshift heliport in

the northern safe zone of the volcanic island, Mr Grant said that his Government could not determine what was needed for Montserrat unless they were prepared to visit the island.

What I do not accept is that the British Government can stay in Whitehall and determine what is appropriate for the people of Montserrat."

His statement appeared to be a barbed criticism of Clare Short, the International Development Secretary. forced to hand over responsibility for the beleaguered island to a task force set up by the Prime Minister after snubbing an invitation to visit the dependent territory. She also accused Caribbean leaders of deliberately misrepresenting British offers of help.

But Mr Grant said that his criticism was not directed at Ms Short but at the Government in general. He said matters had improved with the creation of the task force under the supervision of Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. He subsequently attempted to backtrack on his criticism of Ms Short and blamed the previous Conservative Government of John Major for failing to implement proper aid programmes when the volcano first

started to erupt. In what he said was a "semi-official"

visit, Mr Grant was due to visit school and church shelters and talk to scientists and government officials. He was immediately flown by helicopter over the Sourriere Hills volcano to wimess the devastation, accompanied by David Brandt, the Chief Minister.

The volcano, which began to erup two years ago after four centuries of relative dormancy, continued yester-day to puff small gas plumes into the sky. Activity has decreased in recent days with less pyroclastic flows being recorded by scientists.

Star of Clinton Cabinet faces corruption charges

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE indictment of a former official in the Clinton Administration's first term was seen resterday as having caused what was probably irreparable damage to the career of a once rising star.

Mike Espy, Agriculture Secretary from 1993 to 1994, was charged late on Wednesday with accepting \$35,000 (£21,700) in gifts from food businesses, lying to federal investigators, tampering with witnesses and ordering an agriculture department employee to alter a document during the investigation.

Mr Espy is the highest ranking member of the Administration to be charged with a crime. If found guilty, he would be the first Cabinet member since the Watergate era to be convicted of a criminal act while in office.

They reinforce an image that the Administration has been eager to shake off - that President Clinton and his aides have brought the incestuous Southern links between politics and business to Washington.

As Mississippi's first black congressman, Mr Espy attracted nationwide attention as a clever, engaging politi-cian, a moderate Democrat who could appeal to black and white to conquer a former Republican stronghold.

When Mr Clinton brought him into his first-term Cabinet, along with many other

Mississippi or even the Vicebegan to emerge, but even this did not quash recent specula-

passionate sports fan, broke the law by accepting tickets to football, basketball and tennis matches from companies he was regulating. They say he accepted gifts including luggage, flights in corporate jets, cash payments to his girlfriend and a \$10,000 contribution to his brother Henry's Congressional campaign.

tor, is not required to show that Mr Espy returned the

tion about a comeback. Prosecutors say Mr Espy, a

Donald Smaltz, the prosecu-

Witness tampering carries a Southern politicians, there was talk that Mr Espy might maximum sentence of ten one day run for Governor of years in prison and the other charges five years. Presidency. Mr Espy, now 43. The charges were brought after a three-year investigation resigned in 1994 as allegations of the payments and gifts costing more than \$9 million.

Minorities lose special status lion (£25 billion) a year - be

IF HE were watching from the hereafter, Martin Luther King would have marked the anniversary of his most famous speech yesterday with bittersweet reflections at best.

Thirty-four years to the day after the great civil rights leader told a Washington crowd of his dream of racial harmony, a ban on preferences for blacks and other ethnic minorities went into bliceffect in California, prompting an angry march across San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge led by the Rev Jesse Jackson.

Giles Whittell in Los Angeles sees King's dream shattered

of ethnic minorities plunging

The "I have a dream" speech unfolded before nearly a quarter of a million people. Mr Jackson, who considers himself King's ideological heir, expected barely 3,000 at his demonstration - just enough to snarl up the city's traffic. Defenders of so-called affir-

mative action have stiffened their resolve to fight its abolition since recently released figures showed the enrollment

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in some of the nation's most prestigious public universities. Last month, the medical school at the University of California's San Diego campus conceded that in its first set of admissions since the university unilaterally abolished affirmative action, not one black was among the new entrants.

On Wednesday, the University of Texas law school, which has followed the Californian lead, announced that enrollment of blacks was down in one year from 31 to four out of a total of 486 new students. The number of entrants of Mexican origin has nearly halved, to 26. The university was "greatly distressed", Michael Sharlot, dean of the

law school, said. California's affirmative action laws created race-based quotas in public education and employment and required that 15 per cent of state contracts - worth some \$4 hil-

awarded to firms owned by ethnic minorities. Another 5 per cent of contracts had to go to firms owned by women Nationwide, the anti-affirmative action movment has

been led by Ward Connerly, a black businessman who sits on the University of California's board of regents. Backed by California's Governor, Pete Wilson, Mr Connerly won a ban on quotas in the state's sprawling public college system last year before leading a campaign for Proposi-tion 209, which outlawed them in principle across the state On Tuesday, a federal appeals court cleared the way for the proposition to become law.

Mr Connerly's crusade is rich with irony. The policies he targets have been cherished for decades in liberal circles as a vital leg-up for the disadvantaged and a crowning achievement of the civil rights movement. Yet he has successfully attacked them with King's precise sentiments — that Americans should be judged not by the colour of their skin but by the content of their



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I grew up not wanting children, the same way that I didn't aspire to be a pilot or a nuclear physicist

A generation of women is choosing not to have children. Joan Smith explains why

old the front page: women have stopped having babies! Well, not all of them - but enough to make people sit up and take notice. And we are not talking about maiden aunts or women whose fiances died tragically in the war. No. the plain fact is that one in five women in developed countries like Britain is living out her adult life without bearing a child.

This is, we are told, a bad thing. Women are being forced to choose, columnists and feature writers say, between careers and babies; women without children talk apologetically about what they have given up, about their regret that the right man never came along or the demands of jobs that made motherhood impossible for

But what's this? As the birthrate in Britain and other European countries drops, it is becoming apparent that this is not the whole story. In Austria, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany, the birthrate is at an unprecedented low of between 1.5 and 1.4 children per couple.

In traditionally Roman Catholic countries like Italy and Spain, it is even lower, at 1.3. These figures cannot be explained solely as evidence that a generation of women are reluctantly giving up motherthem, it is clear, are choosing not to have don't want them. For centuries, childlessness in women was a curse, even though childbirth was at best painful and at worst fatal. Yet women everywhere dreaded the discovery that they were "barren", a baleful adjective that appears over and over again in the Authorised Version of

given the choice, some women would prefer not to have children was virtually unthinkable. Without reliable methods of contraception, the vast majority could and did have them as a matter of course.

What most women did inevitably became confused with what they wanted to do, so the myth of a universal maternal instinct was born. So unquestioned was it that even the great birth control pioneers of the early 20th century concerned themselves with regulating the number of children individual women gave birth to rather than the heretical notion that contraception might give them the choice not to have any at all

It was not until the 1960s that the idea that some women might not want children began to be voiced even in a hesitant way. What women found almost impossible to say, even in the heady days of the early 1970s, was that they simply did not want children.

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under way, with the arrival of the oral contraceptive pill, happened furtively and took almost everyone by surprise. Not only did the birthrate decline in affluent Western countries, but the proportion of women living out their reproductive years without ever giving birth began to rise

According to a recent publication by the Government's Office for National Statis-

tics, "this proportion has increased sharply over time and it is now expected that over a fifth of women born in 1967 will still be childless when they reach 40".

So what happened? Is there something radically different about women born after the Second World War, something that marks them out from every other generation that has gone before?

The fear that has stalked the planet has been over-population, and the prospect of a declining birthrate in the developed world might be seen as a modest but welcome contribution to dealing with this increasingly urgent problem.

But that is far from being the whole story. When an individual woman says she does not want to have children, she immediately encounters a spectrum of hostile reactions ranging from disbelief

("you'll change your mind when you're older") to condescension Tyou don't know what you're missing"), from accusations of solipsism ("have you always been so selfish?") to full-frontal assaults on her femininity ("what's wrong with you?").

I can speak with some authority on this subject because I am one of those women; I have no idea whether I am fertile, sub-fertile or incapable of conceiving, for I have never been interested enough to find out. If I have a biological clock, it must be silent and digital, for I have never heard it tick, even though I am in my early forties. Over the years, however, I have become wearily familiar with all

the responses outlined above, and with some bizarre variants such as How dare you not have children when other women are desperate to get pregnant?" Equally popular is a testy demand that I should lie about my reason for not having children, that I should hint at lengthy and unsuccessful courses of fertility treatment, thereby emphasising the point that child-lessness is acceptable for a woman

as long as it isn't voluntary.

Obviously I could lower my eyes, take out a handkerchief and pretend that I am resigned to my barren state. Or I could go along with the line of a well-meaning friend who said she admired my decision not to have children because it was one of the most difficult a woman could make. But it isn't, not for me. I grew up not wanting children in the same way that I didn't aspire to be an airline pilot or a nuclear physicist: there was no painful soul-searching or introspection, just a

useful and early piece of self-knowledge I have always trusted and acted upon. On its own, this lack of interest in having children might not have equipped me to withstand the astonishing degree of social pressure on women to conform to a single pattern. The deciding factor was knowing from an early age exactly what I

did want, that I was absolutely impas- beatific glow; mother love still has an sioned about being a writer.

having such a fierce ambition threw into . examined. shadow all the things - including having. this, I did not enjoy being a child, a point (;) hour which, to an outside observer, a make when people accuse me of not. realising what I am missing: I was one for what seemed a maddeningly long time. about a third of my life so far, and leaving behind that infantile and adolescent orid was a tremendous relief. .

There is a hopeless confusion that surrounds the subject of voluntary childlessness. If having children and grand-

stoned about being a writer.

It is not that I thought writing and if not reality, to a point where the true motherhood were incompatible, just that ... nature of the relationship is hardly ever This is that mothers (and many fathers)

children - that I did not want to do: I whave a nareissistic investment in their have never felt the need to apologise for: children that sanctions forms of behavquite clearly motivated by self-interest or the narrow interests of the family group. Teiling are some of the reasons people

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give for deciding to have children in the first place: to save a failing marriage, to perpetuate their genes, so they will have someone to look after them in their old

Gince this aspect of the debate is seen as

women who decide not to have children can be unmasked. If women do not conform to the expected pattern - if, crucially, they are not all looking after children for at least part of their adult lives - what else might they do? Pursue their own interests? Compete with men?

For centuries, it could be safely assumed that the vast majority of women would spend the bulk of their pre-menopausal lives preg-nant or bringing up children. This was, in effect, a highly efficient way of confining them to the domestic sphere. Even today, as we approach the third millennium, it is still widely assumed that the working patterns of most women will be different from those of men: interrupted by maternity eave and career breaks, disqualified for promotion by the need to job-share or work part-time. But what is the effect if a fifth of the female population decides not to take this route?

The consequences are far-reaching. Some women are already able to compete with men in the employment market on completely equal terms, but this is not even the half of it. What has been

demolished is nothing less than the comfortable assumption that women can be treated, as they have been from time immemorial, as a single homogeneous

I have always been puzzled by the extent to which it is assumed that every woman in the world, regardless of her race or class or education or personality, wants to do exactly the same thing. Not any more. Birth statistics and population tables may not appear exciting at first glance, but their message, in this instance, is both consistent and revolutionary. All women are not the same. This is good news. It makes life more interesting. Get used to it. Adapted from Different for Girls: How Culture creates Women by Joan Smith (Chatte & Windes, £10.99, published September 4)



parenthood? If, on the other hand, bringing up children is as arduous as some suggest, why do they feel sorry for people who don't do it?

Women are not supposed to want things for themselves, and an admission that an individual woman does not yearn to be a mother automatically prompts accusations of unbridled hedonism. It is tempting to discern old stereotypes lurk-ing behind this discussion, in that the degree of anger and contempt showered on childless women is so disproportionate as to suggest that a refusal of the category of mother automatically displaces them

As always, the process of binary opposition works to bathe one of two alternatives, mothers in this instance, in a

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SBC hit by record £480,000 fine

Bank severely reprimanded by watchdog for compliance failures

THE Securities and Foures Authority yesterday hit Swiss Bank Corporation with a record fine and a severe reprimand after the bank admitted two serious compliance failures.

SBC was ordered to pay a fine of £300,000 and £121,000 n costs for failing to restrain its market-makers from building an 8.2 per cent stake in . Yorkshire Electricity in late corporate finance ann was selling to clients controversial bank was also fined a further £180,000 and ordered to pay £55,000 in costs for share trades made last autumn while liquidating the Kleinwort European Privatieation Investment Trust.

Richard Farrant, chief execaging and controlling the ent parts of an integrated investment house in order to ensure fair treatment of clients and other market participants is challenging. SBC failed the

firms that the SFA would persistently pursue and judge harshly" similar cases, even if a breach of the rules had not SBC said that the SFA had acknowledged that the bank and its staff had acted in good

faith and that there had been no intention to breach principles laid down by the Securi-But the bank added that it had taken very seriously the tation and monitoring procedures. The SFA report concluded that SBC had failed to follow and control its Chinese Wall procedures - which ensure the separation of the trading and corporate finance arms of the company - when

building the Yorkshire Elec-

tricity stake. At the time, SBC's corporate finance arm was acting for a client that had expressed an interest in launching a bid for Yorkshire and a wish to use John Wood, who is head of

price - to hedge the cost of any takeover. But SBC's market-making arm was allowed to build the 8.2 per cent stake - far more than was needed to hedge the exposure to CPNs - and the

sons' for developing this long bosinon". The report stops short singling out individuals for criticism and SBC has taken no disciplinary action. Both

probe the market-makers' rea-

head of compliance, hold the same posts as they did in 1994. But the bank has made some reforms to its compliance procedure following the acquisition of Warburgs.

equity trading, and Kath Cate,

SBC ran into a storm of criticism at the time for its use of CPNs during the Trafalgar House bid for Northern Electric as well as for not disclosing its 8.2 per cent stake in Yorkshire.

Four separate investigations were launched into SBC's

But the rules over the disclosure of large stakes built up as part of market-making opera-tions have since been

The SFA also criticised SBC for allowing its dealing opera-tions to have an adverse impact on share prices just before it auctioned off shares in the Kepit fund. The botched trade is believed to have cost SBC about £2 million as it was forced to offer Kepit immediate redress.

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Dollar hit

by nervous

Wall St

BY JANET BUSH

THE dollar failed to benefit from a double dose of poten-

tially positive news yesterday, scuppered by another nervous session on Wall Street. The US currency showed little reaction either to a sharp upward revision to second-

quarter US GDP growth to a 3.6 per cent annual rate from

2.2 per cent previously, or to remarks by Hans Tietmeyer.

Bundesbank president, sug-

gesting that a German rate rise was not imminent.

Herr Tietmeyer's comments

that German rates remained

mark's strength briefly, leaving the dollar vulnerable to

selling on Wall Street that took

the Dow Jones industrial aver-

age more than 100 noints

lower at the opening. The Dow

had recovered some ground

towards the close of European

trading, but, in London, the

The dollar was quoted at

about DM1.7980 in late Euro-

pean trading, down from DMI.8085 late on Wednesday.

Sterling closed 112 pfennigs lower at DM2,9003.

Boots pays £9m to unload loss-making **AG Stanley**

BOOTS is paying a venture ing shops. The 121 Fads and capital firm nearly 19 million: 201 Homestyle stores currentin cash and property to relieve it of the problems of dealing with AG Stanley, the loss-making owner of the Pads decorating and Homestyle

The 27.5 million of cash and £1.4 million of freehold property that Boots is handing over brings its total losses on Stanley's disposal to £180 million, although two thirds of ously written off.

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The purchaser, which has paid a nominal El to Boots, is Alchemy Partners, a recently formed firm run by Jon Moniton, who previously ran Schroder Ventures. Mr Moulton has taken over as chairman of Stanley and plans to embark on an immediate review that will consider closing many of the poorer perform-

making for four years as the Pads chain of high street paint and wallpaper shops struggled against competition from out-of-

Stanley was acquired in 1989 as part of Ward White, the deal that also brought Halfords into the Boots group. It was run separately from Do It All, the larger out also loss making DIY chain. Boots said it was not trying to sell Do It All. Boots has invested millions

opening new out-of-town Homestyle stores and Lord Blyth of Rowington, the group's chief executive, believes Stanley's prospects are much brighter than they have been. However, Boots does not believe Stanley will offer a sufficient return for its shareholders in the medium term. Boots said that the Alchemy deal allows it to walk away

from the liabilities of nearly 300 store leaseholds for a cash cost of less than £8 million. At the end of March, Stanley had net assets of £38.1 million. As well as taking on four treehold properties, Alchemy will have an option to buy 27

leasehold properties currently valued at £7.5 million for only £3 million. These stores have not been transferred because they are leased to Boots, and landlords are unwilling to reassign them to Stanley or

pressure. David Lane, a partner of

the actuaries, said that Legal &

General, the insurer, had shut down

Mr Lane cautioned that employees

could be asked to foot the pensions

bill. "A number of firms will be

asking employees to pay a bit more to

pension funds. This contrasts with

Gordon Brown's Budget speech in

which he suggested that companies could easily absorb the impact of the

The impact of the loss of income will

put pressure on actuaries to change the

method of evaluating funds from the current estimate of dividend growth to

a market valuation method. Mr Lane

said: "Companies could put us under

pressure to use more optimistic as-

sumptions, but that will not help them

In their annual survey, the firm

criticised major companies, such as

Hays and Reckitt & Colman, for

inadequate and confusing disclo-

sure of their accounting policies for

its final salary scheme.

removal of ACT."

in the long term."



Stephen Bollenbach, left, president of HHC, and Peter George, of Ladbroke, could turn their alliance into a full merger

Ladbroke hints at Hilton merger

PETER GEORGE, chief executive of Ladbroke Group. admitted yesterday that a full merger between the hotel and gaming group and Hilton Hotels Corporation, its US partner, was a distinct possibility.

Last year, after months of speculation that HHC would launch a hostile bid, the two companies forged a strategic alliance, reuniting the Hilton hotel brand worldwide - a move that appeared to rule out Commentary, page 25 | a takeover or merger. How-

ever, Mr George confirmed: These things change and there's some possibility there would be benefits in bringing the two companies together in time, although there's nothing on the agenda currently." He hinred that the chances

of a merger would be im-proved if HHC failed in its hostile \$11.5 billion (£7.1 billion) bid for ITT Corporation. although there would be ma-jor tax hurdles to overcome.

Hilton International, which

US, helped Ladbroke to a 39 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £101.2 million in the first half of 1997 from turnover almost static at £1.95 billion. The hotel division improved profits by 9 per cent to £76.2

million after a £4.5 million hit from the strong pound. The rise was 20 per cent on a likefor-like basis. Betting and gaming saw a 31 per cent jump in profits to 556.9 million.

Ladbroke is known to be interested in Capital Corporation, the troubled London

casino operator, and Mr George said he continued to

monitor developments. Conversely, profits at Ver-nons Pools continued to decline and industry sources suggest a deal with Littlewoods, its larger rival, is being discussed.

Earnings per share were 6.54p (4.55p), and the interim dividend, payable on December 12, is up 8 per cent to 2.op.

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Firms 'face extra £2bn pension bill'

By CARL MORTISHED

BRITAIN'S top companies could face a bill of up to £2 billion for increased pension costs after the abolition of the dividend tax credit to pension funds in Gordon Brown's July Budget.

According to Lane Clark & Pea-cock, a leading firm of actuaries, the blow will fall most heavily on companies with big pension schemes such as BT, which could face a bill of £166 million, and ICI, which may

need to top up its fund by £62 million. This week, WH Smith, the retailer, wrote off a E73 million pension prepayment in its balance sheet, warning that the Budget change created significant uncertainty over the valu-

ation of its pension fund. The threat of cash calls from pension fund trustees could push employers to close down their final salary schemes and replace them with lower-quality money purchase schemes. More people will have to rely on the welfare state in retirement," said the actuaries, who also pointed out that local authority pension schemes, the police and the fire service will come under funding

Road builders seek refund

THE Government faces a compensation bill of more than 16 million after the Highways Agency admitted liability for the costs of bidding for three privately financed road schemes dropped last month (Mark Court writes).

It is the first time that bidders have claimed compensation when projects under the Government's Private Finance Initiative have been cancelled.

The move follows the review of the PFI by Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General. The review stated: "When a decision is made not to proceed with a project, and that decision is not related to the viability of tenders received, con-tractors' bidding costs should be

The £113 million South Mid-lands network, the £142 million Wheel and Downland Network and the £138 million Cumbria to Bradford improvements, were put on ice four weeks ago leaving the four consortiums bidding for each scheme to nurse costs of up to £500,000 each. The companies in the consortiums include John Laing, Costain, Balfour Beatty, Amee and Amey.

Waterstone keen to buy business back

BY PATIENCE WHEATCROFT, CITY EDITOR

the Waterstone's chain of bookshops, yesterday indicated that he would be keen to buy back the business from As rumours persist that the WH

Smith group may eventually have to consider a break-up of its various businesses, Mr Waterstone said: "I am very seriously worried about Waterstone's falling into the wrong

TIM WATERSTONE, the founder of hands," He added that, if WH Smith were to become a seller, he "would be extremely interested in buying".

Mr Waterstone sold the business to WH Smith in 1989 for £42.2 million. netting a fifth of the proceeds for himself. Today, he reckons that the price could be between £200 million and £275 million. "I am delighted at how well it is performing," he said. While the main WH Smith chain

struggles, the group yesterday reported that Waterstone's sales were up by 11 per cent in the year to May 31, with profits up by a third, to £20 million. Group profits were £124 million.

Virgin has already signalled its desire to buy from WH Smith its majority holding in the Virgin Our Price record chain.

Although the company is insisting that it does not wish to instigate a break-up, investors have suggested the possibility. Keith Hamill, finance director, is thought to be more well disposed towards the idea than the rest of the WH Smith board.

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Discount buy In a move almed at expanding its portfolio of

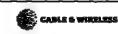
struggling discount chains Brown & Jackson, owner of launched an agreed £6.5 million cash offer for lossmaking WEW, which trades as What Everyone Wants. Page 25

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laurech a £1 million advertising campaign for Xfm, the new London radio station that goes on air at midday on Monday. The campaign aims at 18-35 year olds. Page 27

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Bookies recovering ground lost to lottery

Concerted efforts by the big betting groups to widen their appeal

Ladbroke, has remained sanguine in the face of Camelot's dogged attempts to have 49's, the numbers game run by the UK's big bookmakers. declared illegal. "Camelor has challenged us on no less than five occasions and so far the score is 5-0 to us." he said yesterday.

Mr George can also draw comfort from the fact that Camelot's increasingly desperate attempts are a sure sign that the bookies are slowly but surely regaining the ground lost to the National Lottery.

The launch of the lottery in November 1994, backed by a massive promotional campaign, was nothing short of disastrous for betting. Tom Kelly, Director-General of the Berting Office Licensees' Association (Bola), estimates that 3,000 jobs were lost as a direct result, leaving the industry "flat on its back". According to a series of Henley Centre studies

further significant earnings.

BRITISH AEROSPACE

yesterday welcomed new

plans by the French Govern-

turing of Airbus which had

been bogged down over the

privatisation of Aero-

spatiale, the French Airbus

Lionel Jospin, the French

Prime Minister, is under-

stood to have proposed a compromise that would

transform Airbus into a

single corporate entity, with-

out breaking his election

promise to halt current

privatisations.

are beginning to reap a reward, Dominic Walsh reports

for Bola, bookmakers saw profits drop a third between July and October 1995. On the strength of those findings the Government agreed to reduce betting tax I per cent to 6,75 per cent from March 1996.

Mr Kelly said: "In the early 1990s profits before tax averaged around 3 per cent of turnover and we'll soon be back in that ballpark. But during the worst ravages of the lottery the average would have been 1.8 per cent at most." He added that total turnover for the industry had remained static at about £6.6 billion.

When betting was at its peak in the mid-1960s there were more than 16,000 bookie shops, compared with 8,600 today. Mr Kelly attributed

about 700 closures to the lottery. In but pulling in a wider range of the wake of the lottery, the big groups have fought hard to reverse their fortunes, gradually rebuilding business by widening the range of games on offer, while improving the ambience in which punters bet. The deregulation of gaming was a boost, allowing two fruit machines per shop. Stanley Leisure reckons the move has added £2 million to betting profits, which would rise further if

its current £10 proved successful. The launch, at the end of last year. of 49's, where players choose up to five out of 49 numbers, has also been significant. The daily televised draw is not only regaining lost business

lobbbying to raise the jackpot from

punters, including women. Latest figures suggest that 49's and Lucky Choice, a similar numbers game based on the Irish Lottery outcome, now account for a combined 5 per cent of bookies' turnover.

Ladbroke said 49's had helped to increase the number of betting transactions in the first half of the year by 4.3 per cent to 163 million, and stake per slip by 1.4 per cent to £5.01. Profits from retail betting rose from £32.5 million to £42.8 million and Mr George confirmed that new numbers-type games would be launched shortly. But the real potential lies in the industry's efforts to persuade the Government to allow side bets on the

National Lottery, which is illegal at

The other big issue surrounds the future of William Hill, the secondbiggest bookmaker after the 2.000strong Ladbrokes chain. William Hill, which has 1,530 shops, is the last major asset of debt-laden Brent Walker. The preferred bidder will not be named until the end of next month, but some of the indicative offers are thought to be as high as £780 millionto £800 million, compared with estimates a year ago of

£450 million. The shorlist is thought to include Genting, a Malaysian group, Bass, which already owns the 850-strong Coral chain, and five venture capital groups - NatWest, Prudential, Charterhouse, Electra and Citicorp. When asked what he thought of the likely sale price. Mr George allowed himself a wry smile: "It's not unhelp-

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TUC starts regular talks with Tories

NEW UNIONISM took a further departure from tradition yesterday when John Monks, General-Secretary of the TUC, met William Hague, the leader of the Conservative Party. The meeting heralds the first of a series of regular talks between the two groups. While the TUC leader has met Conservative leaders before — largely on specific issues — the two sides have not had regular dialogue. Mr Monks's talks with Mr Hague were initiated by the TUC. A spokeswoman said: "We want to keep in touch with all parties and groupe."

parties and groups." The two leaders discussed economics and politics in a morning meeting. The talks followed the highlighting of a report by the TUC showing that more than four in ten of union members now come from the professional classes. A spokeswoman for the Conservative Party said: The meeting was very friendly and they covered a range of issues. We intend to listen to all groups in society. There are no "no go" areas for the Conservative Party." Labour also broke with tradition after the party came into office, with Tony Blair meeting the Confederation of British Industry before meeting the TUC.

British-Borneo buys

SHARES in British-Borrieo Petroleum slipped Sp to 468½ p after a subsidiary won several blocks in lease sale 168 for the Western Gulf of Mexico at a cost of about \$5 million (£3 million). Two will be operated by British-Borneo and seven are in the higher risk/high potential Alaminos Canyon/Port Isabel area of the western gulf — a continuation of its 50-50 partnership with Texaco. Two blocks are with Norcen as operator and the remaining four are with the Walter Oil & Gas Consortium. All of the blocks are in deep-water areas.

BNFL cleans up

THE US division of BNFL the UK nuclear waste reprocessing group, has struck a £145 million deal to clean up a site in Termessee. The UK reprocessing group has been increasing its international activities. Overall the group has E10 billion worth of international reprocessing business. The sit-year contract boosts the subsidiary's £1.25 billion worth of reprocessing work. It includes recycling metals from the former US Department of Energy facility as well as decommissioning and decontaminating nuclear materials.

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Duty-free threat to jobs

A BAN on duty-free sales within the European Union could lead to 1,300 job losses in the UK drinks industry, according to the Scottish Whisky Association. It says more than 1,000 jobs will be under threat if the ban goes ahead in July 1999. A further 350 would go from the gin and vodks production industries. The report gave a warning that removing the duty-free market for travellers between EU member states would cost the scotch industry sales worth £136 million more than the value of the Japanese export market for scotch.

Macfarlane disappoints

MACFARLANE, the Glasgow packaging group, lifted pre-tax profits only slightly in the six months to June 30, from £10.3 million to £10.4 million, on turnover of £94 million, up 24-pet-cent from £76 million. Earnings per share fell from 5.68p to 5.66p, and a dividend of 1.55p (1.47p) will be paid on October 7. The company blamed the cost of integrating Manton Plastics, the industrial film business it bought in April and the strength of sterling for its disappropring April, and the strength of sterling for its diss

Guinness Peat prospers

GUINNESS PEAT, the investment group run by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand-born entrepreneur, said yesterday its British portfolio was more likely to be a prominent area of activity in the future. Guinness Peat raised pre-tax profits from £17.1 million to £19.6 million in the six months to June 30, on sales up from £41.2 million to £52.9 million. Profits from the disposal of businesses, including its stake in New Zealand's Colonial Motor, were £4.6 million. Earnings per share were 1.37p (1.12p). Again, there is no half-year dividend.

Shell deal lifts Hays

SHARES in Hays, the logistics group, closed up 4p, at 618 2p, yesterday as it confirmed yesterday's report in *The Times* that it had won a £100 million, five-year contract to deliver groceries to Shell's 850 petrol stations. Hays will handle almost £2 billion worth of food over the life of the agreement and will run the operation from five main depots, creating about 400 jobs in Northamptonshire. It will make six deliveries a week allowing a wider range of iresh food to be supplied. Hays agreed a similar deal with BP last month.

Quicks marches ahead

QUICKS, the motor distributor, lifted pre-tax profits 11 per cent, to £3.1 million, in the half year to June 30 on sales down from £184.4 million to £175.9 million. Earnings per share rose from 7.8p to 8.9p. The interim dividend rises from 2.75p to 3.25p. Borrowings have been cut to £8.3 million, putting gearing at 26 per cent, down from 33 per cent in December. The shares rose 3p, to 126 p. Michael Moore, chairman. forecast a satisfactory trading outcome for 1997 as Quicks broadened its activities and the new car market improved.

Era goes into decline

ERA, the ailing group that sells models, toys and cameras, suffered an overall loss of £12.6 million in the year to February 28, a decline from the previous year's after-tax profit of £303,000. Sales rose from £77.3 million to £91.7 million. Losses per share reached 10.27p, against earnings of 0.34p. The final dividend has been passed. Last year there was a final 0.1p payout. The group said that its current liabilities exceeded its current assets by £2.6 million and that it met day-to-day working capital requirements through bank overdrafts.

Racal wins £1.5bn MoD contract in joint venture

A TRANSATLANTIC joint venture that includes Racal, the German electronics group, and 40 per cent by ITT Defence, the US communicathe electronics group, has been awarded a contract to develop tions specialist. The system is the £1.5 billion Bowman tactiexpected to be in service by 2002, with production extendcal communications system ing to at least 2007. for the Ministry of Defence. The initial development pro-

BAe applauds French

moves over Airbus

BY OLIVER AUGUST

David Elsbury, the Racal gramme is worth £32 million chief executive, said: "Archer but the eventual order, which Communications is the culmiwill run for 25 years, is nation of many years of work. estimated to be worth about Bowman is one of the world's £1,5 billion. International sales largest and most advanced battlefield communications of the system and its compoprogrammes. nents are expected to generate

The Bowman solution has substantial export potential, the realisation of which should The joint company, called Archer Communications, is 30 per cent owned by Racal, 30 position Archer Communications as a predominant player per cent by Siemens Plessey.

Under the new plans,

Paris will transfer its 45.9

per cent holding in Dassault

tary aircraft company, to

Aérospatiale to pressure

Dassault into accepting a

merger of the two com-

panies. This would allow

Aérospatiale to transfer

most of its civil aircraft

assets to Airbus without

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Racal said it is contributing its VPT (VHF portable transceiver) radio to the system. These radios will be used on vehicles, in backpacks and in other portable configurations.

ITT Defence is also involved in building a similar system currently being designed for the US military forces. It will be possible to jointly operate the Bowman system and the Pentagon's Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System. Compatibility is believed to have been one of the main factors to influence the

Archer, acting as prime contractor and prime systems integrator, expects to support and enhance the Bowman project throughout its planned 25-year life.

MoD's decision.

The company will also market products developed under the Bowman contract on a worldwide basis, ITT Defence

The compatibility of the British and the American syspoint in Europe and overseas. ITT estimates that this could push the total value of the contract up to £4 billion over its lifesoan.

ITT was able to win funds from both the American Administration and the British Government to develop the system's technology. Lessons earnt while building one set of digital radios were used to make the other set work more



Bob Ellis provides the Phantom of the Opera sound system

the half to June 30. Earnings were 10.4p a share (6.3p); the interim dividend is 1.7p (1.2p).

Visual eyes America

after flotation last year to 195p, so Bob Ellis, chief executive, is touring UK institutions. Pro-tax profits were £8.67 million (£3.56 million) in

VISUAL ACTION, the Anglo-American company that hires equipment for conferences and theatres, is ready to add a US listing if its London share price does not recover this year (Fraser Nelson writes). The company, which gets 60 per cent of its business from America, has

US bank BY ENIC REGINY ING, the Dutch financial services group that bought the collapsed Barings Bank in 1995, yesterday made its larg-est foray into US banking with the purchase of Furman Selz, a medium-sized player on Wall Street.

ING is to pay \$600 million (£375 million) in cash for Furman Selz over three years, with two thirds of that amount coming before the end of this year. The tax benefits and the staggered payments effectively reduce the price to \$425 million in current dollars, ING said.

Furman Selz, which is owned by its employees, was founded in 1973 as an investment boutique specialising in research and has since grown into a full-service bank with operations in equity sales, strategic advisory services and asset management. The business has 780 employees and annual revenue of \$400 million. It has more than \$10 billion of assets under

management.
Furman Selz is to be inte-grated with ING Barings's American operations, whose speciality is emerging maran said that ING has no plans to make further acquisi-

ing industry.
The purchase comes less than two months after ING bought Equitable of Iowa, the life insurer, for \$2.2

ING said that Furman Selz would enhance earnings from the outset. The acquisition came as ING announced a 28 per cent rise in net profit, to 1.9 billion guilders (£578 million), in the first half of

Margins boost for T&N

BY CARL MORTISHED

A SURPRISE boost to margins in sterling against continental and cashilow at T&N drove currencies. However, at conshares in the motor parts group up 10 per cent to 163p. The company, which has been dogged by its exposure to asbestos-related injury claims, is raising the half-year diviup to £115 million (£58 million) dend from 3p to 3.2p to reflect its confidence after strong growth in cashflow in the first six months of the year. T&N's operating profits fell marginally to £98.7 million because of an 18 per cent rise

stant currencies, group sales were by 4 per cent and underlying pre-tax profit re-mained static at £85 million. Reported profit before tax was

after gains from disposals and a £25 million asbestos charge in the first half of last year. Sir Colin Hope, chairman. said strong cash generation and improved margins provided a sound basis for improvement for the future. He said T&N continued to seek a merger of its piston operations with those of Kolbenschmidt. the German manufacturer in which Rheinmetall has a 53

per cent interest. T&N paid out £92 million in relation to an asbestos-related insurance premium. Excluding this, T&N had a net cash inflow of £5 million before acquisitions and disposals.

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Boards ignore Greenbury

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent Coopers & Lybrand study,

From Greenbury to Hampel,

scrutinised accounts of 121

A STUDY by leading City accountants has found that fewer then a tenth of companies abide by a key recommendation of the Greenbury report on executive pay.

evidence of the extent to which business is rejecting Green-bury, found that only nine out of 100 companies with annual bonus schemes for directors had schemes that involved comparison of performance with other businesses. The

The study, providing fresh

FTSE 500 companies. It found that, of 33 companies that disclosed the average gain made by directors in exercising options, the gain was more than £300,000 in 15 companies. More than 90 per cent of the companies with long-term incentive plans had

share option schemes for directors, although, in a quarter these businesses, the ar-

lescent and no further options were being offered. More than 80 per cent of the companies continued to operate annual or other short-term bonus schemes for executives: However, in most cases, these ran in conjunction with a long-

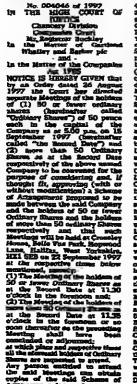
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term incentive plan - a method of reward Greenbury backed. The study found that performance criteria to be clear in only two thirds of long-term incentive plans.

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Slough spaced out THE SLUMP in industrial

land development during the early 1990s recession has led to a shortage of business space today, according to Slough Estates, the property company (Chris Ayres writes). Derek Wilson, chief execu-

tive, said: "We are actually running out of space at the moment. We have a fair

amount of land to develop on our books, but we are looking Slough reported a 13 per

cent rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30, from £41.8 million to £47.1 million, on turnover of £72.6 million (£79.1 million). A 3.4p interim dividend (3.25p) will be paid on October 10.

Homes code extended



Bridgeman: welcome move

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

A SCHEME to protect Trading has banned 264 agents, a tiny proportion of the homebuyers and sellers from sharp practice by estate agents has been extended to cover thousands of small independent agencies as well as the large corporate chains. The extension of the code of

practice, under which aggrieved customers can seek redress from an ombudsman. comes after reports of unscrupulous agents exploiting buy-ers and sellers, and of gazumping. However, some in the industry believe consum-ers will receive full protection only if there are statutory controls. At present, agencies are under no obligation to participate in the scheme. Since 1982 the Office of Fair

estimated 30,000 in Britain: The new code of practice. comes into force on January 1: It will be run by the National Association of Estate Agents the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, ISVA (the Incorporated Society of Valu-ers and Auctioneers) and the Ombodsman for Corporate Estate Agents The extension of the code was welcomed by John Bridgensin, Director General of the Office of Fair Trading. He said: "It will be helpful for consumers to know they will: receive a uniform standard of service from agents who sub-

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B roadgate resounded to screams of agony yesterday as SBC Warburg experienced the full wrath of the Securities and Putures Authority. When Chinese walls are broken After some fancy footwork that avoided its own compliance proce-

and incident of dubious behavdures, let alone the ideals of the iour by SBC, this time an attempt SFA, the bank is at last being to profit at the expense of its Public floggings for the guilty men? Not quite. Instead, SBC must endure being "severely reprimanded" for its behaviour inclient during the liquidation of Kepit, Kleinwort's investment trust. So blazant was this offence that SBC itself booted out the ineach of two separate incidents and stump up £656,000. That may dividuals concerned. But there have been no heads rolling as a result of the REC incident, and it include what the SFA proclaims as seems that the bank is still highly the highest fine it has ever levied, but if a couple of traders clubbed. refluctant to admit to this being together, they could probably settle it with their bonness. If this is the penalty for breaching Chinese walls and operating in a way that could have benefited. anything more than a minor slip an. Yet, when the arcane details of cash performance notes and hedging are put to one side, the crux of the accusation against

SBC is simple and terribly serious: that it failed to keep its Chinese walls intact. Remarkably, the SFA casti-gates SBC for allowing its compliance department to breach the wall between corporate finance and the market-makers, but then accepts the bank's assertion that it and its employees have always acted in good faith and were not guilty of wilfully or intentionally doing

stituted disciplinary proceedings. Clearly the gossio that had been anything wrong.

Perhaps it is possible to breach
a Chinese wall accidentally, but reverberating around the Square Mile took its time to reach the SFA guifaws in the City yesterday indicated that most practitioners thought that, whether the chosen headquarters on the other side of Deliberations there have been



or through it, crossing a wall generally requires a positive effort.

Needless to say, when the information from the other side landed with them, the market-makers felt obliged to try and make use of it. They may now work for investment bankers, but the essential characteristics of the breed have not changed. That is why the walls are so

essential, and why a breach is so Another fine

mess, Stanley

xcellent news from Boots.
It has put an end to the problems with AG Stanley, the FADS and Homestyle business that has lost £33.3 mil-lion over the past four years by trying to sell paint and wallpaper on the high street. Just listen to Lord Blyth: "Much has been done to develop the AG Stanley

business. It now has much clearer branding, better merchandise and marketing and a greatly improved store portfolio. Prospects for the business are much brighter than they have been." But hang on a minute - what's

this? AGS remains loss-making." Oh dear. In fact, so dismal are its prospects that Boots is giving away the business, along with nearly 300 leased stores, and is throwing in £7.55 million of cash and £1.4 million of freehold property for good measure. For this, Lord Blyth and the company he runs will receive the princely sum of £1 from the appropriately named Alchemy Partners — Jon Moulton's new venture capital outlit that must now try to make gold from AG Stanley's base metal. Total Boots losses on the business, which has sales of about £110 million a year, will amount to £180 million.

Stanley is, of course, one of the gems Boots picked up when eight years ago it threw away £900

million to buy Ward White, which still ranks highly in the annals of great corporate blun-ders. FADS and the Homestyle soft furnishings business have been left behind as we have all grown used to doing our DIY shopping in out-of-town retail parks. Stanley has tried to follow, but Homestyle's 92 out-of-town stores still represent less than a

third of the total portfolio.

The future looks bleak for many of Stanley's 2,400 employ-ees — the same number as two years ago. Mr Moulton, installed as chairman, is likely to prove much more ruthless than Boots in closing loss-making shops.

Boots prides itself that it has

extricated itself from 300 potentially awkward leases for a cash cost of less than £8 million. That is one way of looking at giving away £38 million of net assets though one that is only possible when you have a profit machine like Boots the Chemists to pay the bills. The Boots involvement

with DIY has brought its shareholders little but pain. It seems you can't even give these businesses away — remember, Boots itself received £63 million from WH Smith to take on the Do It All problem. Boots is pretty pleased with progress at the still loss-making Do It All. One must hope the venture comes to a happier end than AG Stanley.

Where are the venturers?

here is the enterprising venture capitalist prepared to take on WH Smith? The business may have problems in finding a winning format for its main chain but it format for its main chain, but it does have some highly desirable satellites and the takers are already lining up to pay for them. All that is required is the brave intermediary to perform the dismemberment

In spite of all the talk of breakup value at Sears — remember when analysts, whom we should allow to remain anonymous talked of a value approaching 120p a share — the venture capital-ists steered clear. A share price now sunk to 63p indicates that their reluctance to plunge into that

mire may have been well judged. But WH Smith is far less messy. With Virgin having already sig-nalled its enthusiasm for buying out the WH Smith stake in its Virgin/Our Price music chain and now Tim Waterstone keen to retrieve his eponymous book business, a new owner of the business might quickly demonstrate that its parts are definitely worth more than the whole. And there would be a wonder-

ful symmetry in Mr Waterstone buying back Waterstone's. Having been sacked by Smith in 1981. after the group was unimpressed by his efforts in the US on its behalf, he built his own business so successfully that WH Smith felt obliged to buy it from him-Perhaps because the WH Smith people have left Waterstone's to its own devices, it has continued to flourish. But Mr Waterstone could be forgiven for fearing for

Two of a kind

his creation's future.

IT IS no fun being a discount retailer when every other shop is emphasising low prices and lots of value, as Brown & Jackson and the wonderfully inaptly named What Everyone Wants are well aware. There are few obvious benefits from putting the two together but at least they should be able to bring each other mutual sympathy. Understanding, of the marketplace at least, may prove harder for them

slowed by the need to probe a sec-Aerospace boom sets Rolls on record path

the bank at the cost of its clients, then it is hardly likely to encourage other houses to operate.

trepreneurial involvement in the shares of the regional electricity companies has taken the SFA

much unravelling. The events in question took place in the second half of 1994, but it was not until August 1996 that the SFA in

to the highest standards. The minutiae of SBCs ar-

ROLLS-ROYCE, the engine throttle, according to interine ed from efforts to downsize figures yesterosy. The group reported record profits, iss highest ever-order book value to compete for the contract for and a record cash pile.
The boom in civil aerospace

over the past year is the main factor behind the growth: Civil business increased by 50 per cent over the six months to the engine work. Its Allison June 30, and 1,000 new jobs subsidiary in the United were created. States, acquired in 1995, is co-

Pre-tax profits increased from 194 million to Eli6 share to 6.5p from 4.64p. Net. ment's return to Whitehall cash rose from £250 million to: after the summer break is £293 million and the order book grew from £7 billion to £7.8 billion. The interim dividend was raised by 10 per

cent, to 2.2p.

Sir Ralph Robbins, chairman, said that he expected this boom to continue for longer than the 1980s uptorn that ended with the most severe aerospace recession in living

memory.
He said: The civil aerospace order spree will last
longer than last time. Exactly how long is hard to say but it is much more stable. And we don't see people doing silly things with fares in the United States. The whole market is more stable."

But Sir Ralph gave warning to the market that bottlenecks caused by the order spree were incurring unspecified stora costs. Overtime working had increased by up to 40 per cent and extra capital investments had become necessary. Sir Raiph went on: "We

10 mm m have got very specific bottle-necks, one of them is at the large compressor drum plant in Derby. We have needed new machine tools, new smallfactories and new manufacturing methods." The military aerospace busi-

ness was also described as stable. Rolls-Royce received a boost from the German Government's approval of its Eurofighter order. The German parliament still has to agree to the fighter aircraft

military division had benefitand increase efficiency. Rollsthe world's biggest aerospace project, the American-led \$170 billion joint strike fighter. The group exepcts to be awarded between 20 and 40 per cent of

operating with GE, one of Rolls-Royce's main rivals. being eagerly awaited by Sir Ralph and his board. Next month Rolls-Royce will lobby Labour politicians for an increase - from 29.5 per cent to 49.5 per cent - in the threshold for foreign ownership of its shares.

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Reckitt & Colman rules out sale

BY FRASER NELSON

RECKITT & COLMAN, the mustard to fly-spray group, has ruled out any sale of its American food business.

The company, which last year said it considered its food operations non-core, played down speculation that it was looking for a buyer after the division returned profits of £10 million (£8.1 million) in the first six months of the year.

said: "There would definitely be one or two major mustard companies in the US who would want to buy our food business. But it is not for sale."

Meanwhile, the company, whose chairman is Alan Dalby and chief executive Vernon Sankey, has signalled that it would pay up to £400 million to build up its home products side.

Strong growth from all its international markets helped the company to make £182 million (£165 million) before tax.

currency fluctuations and exceptional items at the halfway stage. However, the strength of sterling knocked overseas profits — which account for 92 per cent of the total -- leaving the pre-tax figure at an expected £165 million (£179 million).

Earnings were 27.9p a share (25.7p) on a fully diluted basis. An interim payout of 8.7p (7.95p) will be made as a foreign income dividend on January 6.

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What Everyone Wants goes to B&J for £6.5m

B&J to 440.

values it at £6.5 million. WEV

has net assets of £24 million

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Store for £7.6 million from

Pepkor, the South African retail group. Pepkor is also th principal shareholder in B&J James Millar. WEW chair

man, said: "Having considered approaches from

number of interested parties the board unanimously

reached the view that the offe

from B&J, which should se

cure the future of the group

represents the best outcome for creditors, banks, employ

ees and shareholders."

The offer follows B&J's put

Johan Visser, chief executive

BROWN & JACKSON, owner of the struggling Poundstretcher stores, yesterday moved to expand its portfolio of discount chains by launching an agreed £6.5 million cash offer for loss-making WEW, which trades as What The bid is the latest twist in

the rollercoaster history of WEW, formerly called Amber Day, which began with one shop in Glasgow in the early Seventies and grew into a national chain, owned and managed by an entrepreneural couple, Gerald and Vera Weisfeld. They sold the business in 1990 for £50 million. WEW was dogged by boardroom turmoil in the

early Nineties and employed a succession of chairman, notably Philip Green, the flamboyeventually ousted from the board in 1993. Since then, WEW's share price has collansed from 84'2p to 4'2p.

The company, which is expected to lose more than Eb million this year, put itself up for sale last month after publishing the latest of three profits warnings.

B&J made a 4½ p-s-share fund the acquisition from bor cash offer for WEW, which rowing and existing balances

pre-tax loss of \$2.7 million and saw like-for-like sales growth of only I per cent, said it would

B&J, which last year made

BT shrugs off **US** lawsuits

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM and MCI yesterday dismissed at-tempts by US shareholders to block their Ell billion merger as frivolous and said they would not hinder the deal. A dozen lawsuits opposing

the original merger agreement struck last November have been filed in Delaware courts. A new action against the revised merger agreement, which saw the price paid by BT drop more than 15 per cent, has just been filed by an MCI shareholder named Benjamin Brown. Neither MCI nor BT had heard of the small

shareholder. Michael Price of Lazard Freres, MCI's financial adviser in Manhattan, said: "Legal actions are part of life here. They are never going to get in the way of the deal. Most of them are filed by traders looking for a settlement."

The shareholders who filed the legal actions argue they are not receiving a fair price. None of the lawsuits seeks a preliminary injunction. meaning the plaintiffs are not attempting to block the deal at this stage. Instead, they hope to receive post-merger

MCI and BT are convinced that the big institutional shareholders will approve the deal. BT's success in reducing the price seems to have placated most British shareholders. The revised offer goes to BT

and MCI shareholders for approval in November. The merger can proceed with 50 per cent approval.

French seal Leigh deal with dawn raid

Lender tests the water in Warsaw

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL the home credit company based in Bradford, is poised to expand into Eastern Europe in search of new markets for its door-to-door lending service. It has set up a pilot scheme in launching another in the Czech Republic. Howard Bell, chief execu-

tive, said that the region's large urban working class populations were an ideal market for Provident Financial. The company specialises in offering small unsecured loans to people on low incomes and, with 10,268 agents. operates in every UK postcode area. Along with its competitors, it has come under fire for the relatively high level of in line with last year's 14 per repayment it demands. A bor-

rower of £100 will repay £159 over a year, giving an annual percentage rate of 164 per cent. In its first half, the company increased pre-tax profits by 15 per cent, to £54.7 million. Earnings per share rose by 18 per cent, to 13.80. The interim dividend rises 1.25p to 7.75p. The number of borrowers grew by 9 per cent, to 1.3

flexible service, Mr Bell said. The company is testing low cost ten-year life insurance with Pinnacle to try to fill a Prudential that have abandoned their costly industrial branch businesses.

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Shaun Bowden, left of Leigh Interests, with Edouardo Dupont-Madinier and Joseph Mangion, of General Utilities

COMPAGNIE Générale des Eaux, the French conglomerate, has extended its portfolio of British utilities by agreeing a £116 million takeover bid for Leigh Interests, the waste

disposal company. The French company's subsidiary, General Utilities. which already has stakes in seven UK water companies, is merging Leigh with Onyx, its disposal vehicles business. and Wistech and Trinco, its two liquid industrial waste treatment companies.

It is making a cash offer of 175p a share — a 47 per cent premium to Leigh's share price before talks were anBy Fraser Nelson

by Leigh shareholders for three years. General Utilities coupled the agreement with a dawn

raid on Leigh's shares, buying 29,9 per cent of them minutes after the announcement was made. The move is understood to have been intended to warn off other potential bidders because Leigh's management - who own less than I per cent of the stock between them - reserved the right to

accept any higher offers. Shaun Bowden, Leigh's chief executive, said waste management companies would need substantial financial resources

nounced and a level not seen in order to succeed. Leigh currently has borrowings of about £54.1 million, against assets of £8.96 million.

Leigh formerly vied with Shanks & McEwan for the title of Britain's largest waste disposal company, but its position started to slip when water and sewage companies began advancing on its market four years ago.

Its shares had underperformed the sector by about 75 per cent before General Utilities tabled its takeover bid. Leigh returned to profit last year, making £7.12 million before tax, on sales of



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Shares down £12bn after Far East worries spread

troubled Far Eastern markets. in the light of currency volatility and a sizeable overnight drop in Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, set the tone in London for a jittery market.

Sharp falls, registered by a number of heavyweight stocks, combined to pull the market lower. Standard Chartered was 10312p lower at 874p, a fall of nearly 11 per cent. making it the worst performer among FTSE 100 shares, while HSBC dropped back 1501ap to £19.601a.

Other groups affected by the Asian markets included Cable & Wireless, down 1812p to 543p and also hit by a profits warning at an Australian subsidiary. Inchcape was 1312p lower at 2711 2p.
After notching up modest

gains in early trading, the FTSE 100 slid back to tread water ahead of Wall Street's opening. Renewed concerns over a rise in interest rates, after higher than forecast domestic product data, also rattled US investors, sending Dow Jones lower, with

London following suit. By the close the FTSE 100 was off 61.5 points, at 4.845.4. above its worst levels of the day, but with more than £12 billion wiped off share values. Volumes moved up from recent thin levels, with just under 900 million shares trad-

ed before the market closed. Shares in Rolls-Royce fell back 19p to 23512p as the group's return to profits at the half-year stage was given a mixed reception. British Aerospace benefited from a broker recommendation and ended 912p higher at E14.58.

BT. which saw volumes of 84 million shares, ended 212p. easier at 402p, while among other telecom stocks Vodafone was lifted 7p higher in earlier trading after talk of a positive presentation to analysts on prospects for the fourth quarter. The shares failed to hold on to gains and ended 412p lower at 30912p. with Orange up 2p at 208p.

Ladbroke edged up lp to per cent rise in first-half profits to £101.2 million, ahead of some City forecasts. There were no details of acquisition plans, other than hopes of a Hilton Hotel merger.

Better than forecast interim figures from T&N, the automotive parts group, and talk of a target price of 200p. helped its shares to climb 160



Rising European Cup hopes gained Magpies 312p

to 16312p. The near 11 per cent rise made it the best peformer among second-line stocks.

Barclays continued its run. rising a further o'ap to £14,20p, while the Woolwich added 3p to 29612p. Schroders, reporting next week, was 1712p higher at

Takeover talk was again said to fuelling the rise seen in Commercial Union shares. The insurer put on llp to 74512p, the best of the FTSE 100) rises. There was also renewed talk of Halifax stalking the Prudential. Halifax rose a penny to 715p and the Prudential 5p to 609p.

Norwich Union eased back from its peak to end at 33912p. down op, while St James's Place Capital dipped 313p to 14012p. It was disclosed that Royal & Sun Alliance has



WHILE FTSE 100 stocks yesterday followed a nervous path, nursing losses of nearly 72 points at one stage, relative calm prevailed among the smaller

Following the pattern seen in recent weeks, the ETCE 250 and ETCE email cap indices found more support with the latter off just 5 points at 2,247.8 by

Smaller companies have had a thin time of it since the spring, with both FTSE 250 and small cap indices left behind, sharply underforming the wider

all-share index. Smaller company follow-

ers at Teather & Greenwood, the broker, are taking a more positive view of prospects in a newly published sector review. Recent demand for

smaller companies, it says, economic factors and there has been a change of sentitowards smaller stocks. The broker expects the gap between the small cap and all-share index to narrow with the "catchingup likely to become more pronounced over the next company to 4 per cent.

Profit-taking took the gloss off Reckitt & Colman after the Lemsip to Lysol group reported interim headline profits in line with forecasts. The shares ended 2012p lower at 961p.

Scottish & Newcastle put on 712p after an encouraging report on current year trading. The group also noted the impact of sterling on perfor-mance and its shares ended just a penny firmer at 72412p.

Thistle Hotels booked in a rise of 1012p to 153p on more positive broker talk, with nald Hotels also up 101 ap to 185p on consideration

of its recent £3m acquisition. Body Shop put on a burst of speed to notch up a 15p rise to 168p. There was talk of renewed interest on the basis that the shares have seen the worst. WH Smith was unchanged at 37612p, having edged 4p higher at one point, while Boots ended 14p lower at 803p after news of its loss-

making sale of AG Stanley. Qualification for the next round of the European Cup prompted a 312p rise to 130p for Newcastle United. Progress in the competition also spells a run of lucrative matches and there was talk of upgrades to year-end results. Less inspired was Aston Villa, which lost 712p to 850p, after losing to Tottenham Hotspur, unchanged at 96p.

Burmah Castrol fell back 43p to £10.5912, ahead of results next week, while BP ended 412p firmer at 880p. AlM-quoted Country Garden rose 512p to 21112p after reporting improved first

Boosey & Hawkes, awaiting bid developments moved up with a 45p jump to

GILT-EDGED: The market drifted higher, with little economic news to affect sentiment. The September series of the long gilt closed up £732 at £1141632 on thin volumes, with 54,000 contracts completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2000

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rose £932 to £1092832. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares were reeling at midday. hit hard after a profit warning from Altera Corp, the semi conductor company, ignited widespread nervousness about the corporate earnings outlook. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 98.01 at 7.689.32.

MAJOR INDICES
New York (midday): Dow Jones 769-32 (-96.01) S&P Composite 902-95 (-10.72)
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Hong Kong: Hang Seng
Amsterdam: EOE Index 877.27 (-30.06)
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Frankfurt: DAX
Singapore: Straits 1846.62 (+69.34)
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FTSE 250	4631.4 (-28.2)
FTSE 350	2340.5 (-26.7)
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Pension fund robbery

interesting was evidence of

sales growth, up 4 per cent

after excluding the £84 mil-

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strong pound. Volume ac-

counted for three quarters of

the improvement, but T&N

also managed to raise prices

just the extra bill facing companies with big pension schemes, such as BT and ICI, but the threat that companies will scrap final salary pension schemes in favour of cheaper and less valuable money purchase schemes. This is had news for employees who may well be asked to dip into their own pockets to help fund the £2 billion shortfall caused by the loss of the dividend tax credit.

It is also bad news for long-term investors who like growing dividends. Apologists for the Chancellor's Budget think blame should be laid at the door of actuaries who undervalue pension funds which are typically stuffed with equities. Current valuations methods use dividend growth forecasts, ignoring the massive capital gains of recent

THE full cost of the great pension fund years. But this could begin to change as robbery of 1997 is becoming clearer. It is not companies fret about their pension liabilities companies fret about their pension liabilities and moves are afoot to change the basis of valuation to one that takes a snapshot of a pension fund based on the current values of shares and the value of future liabilities using current discount rates.

This is a distraction and ignores the fact that a maturing pension needs income to pay a pension to its members. However, corporate treasurers will be tempted to put pressure on actuaries to produce a valuation that minimises pension costs. In the short term, that may allow companies to escape topping up pensions and reduce the pressure to increase dividend payouts. Although there are no signs yet, logic dictates that the Chancellor's pension grab should bring a market shift to bonds and high-yielding equities.

generate a surplus after pay-

ing asbestos claims. Yester-day the figures showed a

small net inflow for the half

year. That alone justifies the

price surge, but there is more

on the horizon. A joint ven-

ture with Rheinmetall could

T&N

Ten is taking on the appearance of a submarine. When trouble looms (asbestos daims, currency hits) the share price dives, only to bob back to the surface when you least expect it. In March T&N announced

yet another redundancy package aimed at restoring mar-gins eroded by the strong nound and recession in the motor industry. And in June the US Supreme Court threw out the Georgine Settlement procedure, exposing T&N to more speculative asbestos injury claims. Yet the fundamentals of

T&N's business remain sound. And the company proved it yesterday with a one-point gain in operating margin, restoring the group average to double-digit figures, a rare distinction in the motor parts industry. More,

leave T&N in control of the l per cent in spite of poor world's largest piston maker. market conditio enough to push the shares . The bottom line for investors is whether T&N can POWER FROM PISTONS 190

Rolls-Royce

THE very amiable and clubbable Sir Ralph Robbins had some jolly good interim results to report yesterday and he was in no mood to let talk of bottlenecks spoil the party. Laughing off suggestions that deliveries could be delayed by the recent order spree, he said that he was pleased to have such problems.

Investors may be less sanguine at the thought of production delays. For years, Rolls promised jam tomorrow. Investors were told that earnings would jump when the recession was over. For the last year the aerospace sector has been booming, but geared up to deal with the

The jam has finally arrived, but now it cannot be squeezed into jars quickly enough. Rolls is blaming its suppliers, noting that some 70 per cent of the parts on a Rolls engine are bought in.

To improve the supply chain, the Roils management has been busy inventing new delivery methods, but the system is still suffering from the cull it went through during the recession when the number of suppliers dropped from 1,200 to 600.

Sir Ralph pointed out that even Boeing had been surprised by the sharpness of the upturn: Unfortunately for Sir Ralph, Boeing has been rather better at shipping out the jam. Rolls patient investors deserve better

Reckitt & Colman

A DULL performance from - emerging markets. Reckitt & Colman is quite an achievement for the consumer goods colossus that has suffered years of restructuring. After fine tuning its range of tolletries and fly sprays, it has now jockeyed into a position to reach a level of sustainable growth not seen since the recession.

The strategy is dominance

Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug in established markets and developing a range of new products for emerging markets. Heavy advertising spend - amounting to some 20 per cent of sales - assures its lead in the Western world. while greater affluence in the Far East offers opportunities. Poverty is the only barrier to buying a can of fly-killer and Reckitt believes that they will buy the market leader as

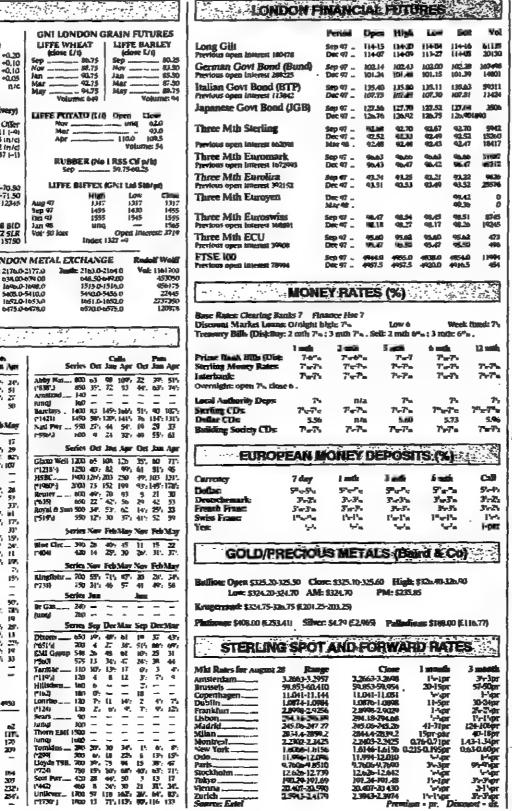
soon as they can afford to. The share price has finally broken through the 800p glass ceiling, but prespects of a bid from Unilever have all but disappeared — the shares should be held as a punt on consumer confidence in

The apparatus is in place, and the downside is limited to the now subsiding strength of sterling. The shares have come up some 20 per cent in the last six months, and on a prospective earnings ratio of is times they are still good

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Asian turmoil spells danger for West

How Hong Kong reacts to the crisis could have global

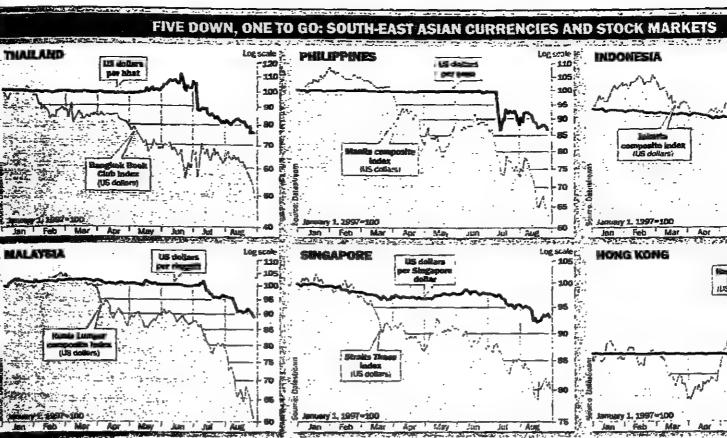
repercussions.

financial markets have been getting so shaky this summer. take a look at the charts. Many possible triggers have been tors for the collapse of global share prices and perhaps the end of the benign non-inflationary economic expansion they have been wrongly

predicting for years.
Until this week, however, I had never heard one that seemed convincing. Now I have. The epidemic of devaluations and financial crises sweeping across South-East Asia seemed a localised phenomenon when it began in the spring with a loss of confidence in the Thai bhat. But as the currencies and financial markets of the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and now even wealthy Singapore have failer like ninepiris, it has become impossible to ignore what is going on:

The international importance of the crisis in South-East Asia stems partly from the fact that these are large and dynamic economies, accounting for a high and rapidly growing proportion of the world's investment and trade, it is conceivable that the present financial turmoù wili presage a prolonged decline in Asia's economic growth rate, just as the bursting of the Tokyo stock market bubble in 1990 marked the end of the era of economic miracles in Japan. The crisis could even inspire second thoughts about the superiority of the Asian model of economic development, based on the inevitable triumph of China's robust Confucian values over the effete Judaeo-Christian liberalism of the West. If

so, I for one would be delighted. The West's admiration of Asian values, especially as represented by the unstoppable might of China, has long filled me with alarm. I have devoted several of these against the exaltation of Asia's



economic success by politicians such as Chris Patten and Tony Blair, and warning against the mania, especially among the British pension funds, for equity invest-

ment in Asian emerging markets.
But nice as it would be to think that the collapse of the Malaysian ringgit or the collapse of the lakarra stock market will shake the West out of its cringeing inferiority complex towards Asia and China, it is much too early to jump to any such conclusions. The chances are that the financial crisis will blow over and Asia will continue to do extremely well. With the notable exceptions of Singapore and Hong Kong, most Asian countries are still far behind Western standards of productivity and wealth. By importing Western technology and imitating Western production methods, they should continue to grow faster than Western Europe and North America until they begin to approach Western standards in several decades time.

East Asian countries are still so poor that, despite large populations, their financial crises can have little more than a marginal direct impact on the world economy. Indonesia, for example, is the world's fourth-largest country in terms of population, but its gross domestic product and share of world trade are smaller than Belgium or Austria. Why, then, do I suggest that the turmoil in South-East Asia could shake the global financial system, trigger the over-due corrections in Wall Street and European stock markets, and perhaps even damage the remarkably benign prospects for worldwide

At present, however, the South-

non-inflationary growth? The main channel of influence from South-East Asia can be summarised in two words: Hong Kong. The charts tell the story. Hong Kong may remain forever immune to the crisis of confidence enguifing its neighbours. But will investors continue to pour their

money into Hong Kong when the market there has risen 30 per cent since April, when it is 7 per cent from its all-time high, when flats there are selling at values that would have trightened investors in Tokyo in the late 1980s; and when two thirds of the stock market's value is attributable to development and bank shares, not only dependent on the local bubble but exposed to the failed property speculations in Bangkok, Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur?

Some investors will no doubt remain committed to Hong Kong and China — for example British pension fund managers who have proved such suckers for the "Asian values" story that they missed the entire bull market on Wall Street and now have more money invested in the £160 billion Hong Kong economy than in the \$7.6 trillion economy of the US. But traders on the Hong Kong stock market have been getting increasingly nervous. Perhaps, significantly, on many of

around the world have retreated sharply, it has been overnight selling in Hong Kong that has driven London and then Wall Street lower, whereas the sequence is usually the other way round. Unlike Thailand, Indonesia or

Singapore, Hong Kong could have an impact out of all proportion to the tiny size of the local economy. A crisis in Hong Kong could trigger financial and geopolitical repercussions extending far beyond South-East Asia. The geopolitical threat is clear. It

is less than two months since Hong Kong was handed over to China. The Chinese authorities, driven by their legendary obsession with saving face, would go to any lengths to prove they were capable of running the economy as well as the British. But what would they do if the trickle of nervous capital outflows turned to a flood, as it did in the neighbouring countries?

potentially disruptive effects. It is also worth considering a second scenario, which would be less politically dramatic but financially still fraight with danger. In response to a loss of confidence the authorities' top priority would certainly be to defend the Hong Kong dollar, and perhaps rightly so While the governments of other South-East Asian countries made much of their determination to defend their exchange rates, these commitments tall now abandoned had remotely the same symbolic significance as the link between the Hong Kong and US dollars.

Kong, it has long been an article of faith that the Lintroduction of an irrevo cable link to the US dollar in 1983 was what stemmed the collapse of the markets and saved the island from catastrophe after Margaret Thatcher's decision to hand the colony back to China. The trouble is that defending the Hong Kong US link to the bitter end, which the authorities would certainly try to do, could be painful and danger ous. It would mean driving interest rates higher in an economy whose fevered property and stock market speculation has made it unusually vulnerable to tight money.

In the longer term, and at deeper economic level, defence of the currency link would close of the escape route used by all o Hong Kong's neighbours to evade the financial crisis. The other countries have devalued their way out of trouble, driving down do mestic costs, making their economies and financial markets more attractive to foreign investors and simultaneously, relieving the verhigh interest rates that contributed to their crises in the first place.

If Hong Kong, by contrast, determined to defend its current its economic pressures could find other outlets: like Japan it could see falling wages, asset deflation and an even deeper collapse of the property and stock markets than its neighbours have suffered. Could there be a Japanese-style deflation in Hong Kong, spreading perhaps to China? What would this do to the world economy? The answers are anyone's guess, but the questions

Chris Parry, founder of Xim, defeated 124 consortiums to secure London's last FM licence

Sound idea for the millennium Then Xim goes on air

at midday on Monday it will mark the end of an epic six-year battle for Chris Parry. The station's chief executive has ploughed more than £250,000 of his own money into the alternative music station, overseen five test broadcasts, and made three applications to the Radio Authority for a permanent

London FM licence. His first two applications ended in rejection, with licences instead going to Heart. Virgin and the ill-fated Viva. "The second time was so close, we should really have got it." says Parry. "But high politics and big money drama caused us to be passed over. That decision strengthened my determination to carry on. It also made me want to get even."

Parry fought back putting together a formidable team of high-profile supporters, including U2. Oasis, Supergrass and II MPs, one of them Chris Smith, the SecreNext week's launch of Xfm as an alternative radio

station comes after an epic battle, says Chris Avres

tary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Financial backing came from several sources, including Harvey and CLT, the owner of Atlantic 252 and Country FM. in February Parry's political

wrangling paid off when Xim overcame competition from 24 consortiums — one of which was backed by Chris Evans and Michael Caine — to be awarded London's last FM radio licence. "It was a huge relief," says Parry. "People had been wanting a station like Xfm for a very long time." Parry looks more like a mid-

dle-aged teacher than an ageing rocker. His hair is short, and he wears blue jeans, a crumpled white polo top and boating shoes with no socks. He has not lost his New Zealand accent.

have found their names hijacked on

the Internet in this way. But it could

not have come at a worse time for

Dillons, which plans its own

bookshop over the Internet from next

month. The possibilities for confu-

even though he left that coun- most of his efforts into The try 28 years ago.

After leaving school at 17, he played for two years in a rock band called The Fourmyula. which had several Top Ten hits in New Zealand, before coming to London to study marketing and advertising. After college, he became an artist and repertoire manager for Polydor records, where he signed The Jam, but lost the Sex Pistols to EM1.

Parry left Polydor to form his own label, Fiction Records. after the company refused to put him in charge of its A&R department. He immediately signed The Cure and Polydor decided to strike a deal. "I walked into the building a £6,000-a-year A&R man and walked out with £100,000 and

a label deal," he says. He put

them on a world tour that brought them international fame. Parry became involved in radio to provide a publicity stunt for The Cure. He hired Sammy Jacob, a radio enthusiast, to broadcast the band's latest record from Fiction's office in Charlotte Street in London's West End.

Cure, and in the Eighties took

Kong lies in the possibility that a

pullout by investors fearing a repeat of losses suffered in Thai-

land, Malaysia and Singapore,

would provoke a local reaction that

would aggravate the crisis. The

most dangerous possibility would be some kind of heavy-handed

political reaction, such as an ar-

tempt to impose foreign exchange

controls or to limit the economic

freedoms on which Hong Kong has

thrived. Such action would almost

certainly provoke international pol-

itical condemnation as well as

aggravating the loss of confidence.

ed to present the crisis as a

politically-motivated attempt by

foreigners to interfere in "internal

Hong Kong affairs. The result

could be an escalation of economic

and political tensions involving the

whole of China's relationship with

America, Europe and Japan. There

possible course of such a confronta-

tion between the West and China to

The Chinese could then be tempt-

"We decided, just for the crack, to break the airwaves for a few hours and have Cure FM up on the roof," says Parry. "Unfortunately, the technicians put us too close to Radio 2, and the BBC just seemed to up their power and push us out of the way. But for a while we had a wonderful mix of The Cure and Frank Sinatra."

The broadcast inspired Parry to set up a radio station with lacob, who had become noticed in the music press for his successful 24-hour alternative music station at the Reading Festival in 1991. There was no television when I was a kid in New Zealand so radio to me is a really exciting medium,"

Parry says. "I didn't get tele-vision until about 1965... It was black and white and limited. I wasn't that wild on television to be honest." Six years after Reading,

advertising money from brands such as Levi's and HMV is pouring into the station as it prepares to go on air. Xim expects to attract 500,000 listeners, rising to 750,000 over the first three years. "We have got to pay back some capital and launch costs." Parry says. "So our operating costs will be about £1.5 million a year. We will make profits in year three, with operational profits com

ing much earlier than that." Parry's lifestyle remains relatively relaxed. He works for up to 12 hours a day during the week and has family week ends at his farm in Sussex. He is confident his investment in Xim will pay off. "We are doing continuous research into what our listeners want. which will be the only thing that will influence us, not what advertisers want," Parry adds. "I'm not interested in 1997 ... because it has been done What I'm interested in are the defining moments of the next millennium and what they

Mayor's nest

rumours over whether Sir Roger Cork, the Lord Mayor of London who tomorrow finishes his nightmarish 1.022 mile bicycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End on behalf of the Cancer Research Campaign, has actually cycled every mile of his journey. It makes little difference to the £250,000 the event will raise for the charity, because the ride was always a joint effort by a team of eight. But he and his team have been spotted in the back of the van accompanying the jaunt. The charity

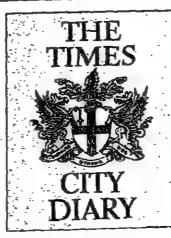


his journey's end

spokeswoman rather weakly. The evidence against, apart from those sightings, is the fact that the Lord Mayor has been known to tip the scales at 20 stone and took no exercise in preparation for the twoage of 70 miles a day covered. His trip has not been universally popular at the City Corporation, which is wrestling with a new Government and possible constitutional change. But here is the truth, from a convincingly breathless Lord Mayor in Exeter last night.

He expects to miss the odd mile. perhaps 50 in all, because of necessary side trips. "As near as dammit I should do the thousand miles." he says. As to those reports, "if people have seen us in a minibus, it is because we are 25 miles ahead of ourselves. Because the hotels are prebooked, at the end of the day we have to put the bikes in the van and be bussed back "

SO WHO was the analyst giving poor Jeremy Hardie, chairman of WH Smith, such a hard time at the results this week? "How did you allow your stock position to get so out of control?" she asked. Searching questions from one of the City's finest. And who should know better than Ju-



lie Ramshaw, retail watcher at Morgan Stanley? Who, as you will recall, joined after some years as merchan-dising director of Laura Ashley, another retailer which knows a bil about stock control. Only a bit. though. In fact, some would say even less than WH Smith. Those that can, do, those that can't ...

Picture that

DILLONS, the bookseller owned by EMI. is "unhappy", as well it might be, about being linked with a service on the Internet providing picture of naked women and tecnage girls. The offending Web site has an address that is remarkably similar to the booksellers' own, including use of the company name. This is probably not coincidental - several companies

sion are intriguing. Transfer move

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Leicester City's Joss, but it has proven to be Nomura's gain. The Japaneseowned bank has hired Mark Warburton from NationsBank as senior trader on its foreign exchange team in London, starting on Monday. Things could have been so different, though. Warburton, 34, was on the books at Leicester City before injury stopped that career. After a brief stop at non-league Enfield, he went into the City, poor lamb, and made his reputation on the dollar-yen market. He was chief dealer at Merita Bank before joining NationsBank, working in London and Chicago. I am told he no longer plays football, though.

 AS IF they did not have enough problems adjusting to the new world order, I learn that some of the former Iron Currain states are about to be graced with the attentions of Provident Financial, our favourite doorto-door loan provider. The company is expanding into eastern Europe, including Poland and possibly the Czach Republic, says Howard Bell, the chief executive. But not Russia. The Poles are inherently more honever have had of starting in Moscow. Don't bet on it

est than the Russians," he says -

thereby blowing any chance he may

LADBROKE'S figures yesterday were the first for half a decade not to feature a raft of incomprehensible exceptional one off debits and losses. Peter George, chief executive and the man who survived the reign of Cyril Stein to lead the group to stock market respectability, might have expected the City to have been grateful. Not so. "Totally unexceptional." sniffed one analyst.

MARTIN WALLER



"This year we're going for the

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The Chairman,

Mr B. S. E. Freshwater, reports: Portfolio valued at record £440 million.

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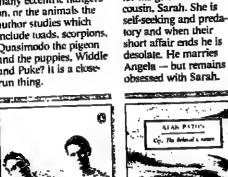
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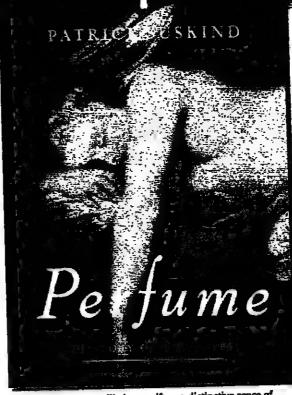
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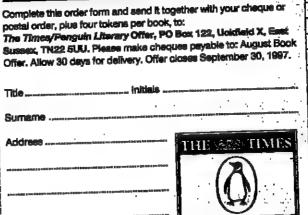
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Tim Jones uncovers the secrets of attaining good grades and conquering the league tables

Assess, and their success is assured

cessful schools are using sophisticated management techniques to ensure that their pupils achieve academic excellence. Increasingly, they are adapting "quality control" methods that stretch students to the limits of

Cynthia Hall, Headmistress of St Helen and St Katharine, Ahingdon, Oxfordshire, a leading independent girls school, says old-fashioned "sink or swim" methods are no longer acceptable in the classroom.

Tables of A-level results published in The Times show that her school has risen from 41st position last year to sixth. The improved position was in part due to the change in the way The Times now compiles the results. Previously, schools were ranked on the average number of points achieved by each pupil. The new table uses the aver-

age points for each subject entry.

Mrs Hall, along with other heads, welcomes the new system, saying that most girls schools generally enter pupils for only three A levels, the maximum required by a university. This eliminates the advantage previously enjoyed by some leading boys' and mixed schools, where pupils are entered for four or more A levels.

Mrs Hall says that part of the reason for the school's success has been the introduction in the past lew years of a close monitoring system to assess the progress of very pupil. This is consolidated by half-term progress reports at which the achievement of every girl is discussed and assessed. Staff give punils extra tutoring and help whenever they need it.

assessment is practised at With-ington Girls' School in Manches-ter, which came top of the league table. Margaret Kenyon, the Headmistress, says that one of the advantages she has lies in having only 530 girls in the senior school. "The school," she explains, "is a very attractive size, which enables me to know all my pupils."

Mrs Kenyon says that from the moment a girl arrives, her progress is monitored in an unobtrusive way. "I talk to the staff at the end of every summer and we discuss every girl's results and performance," she adds. The girls are also given a mini A-level paper in November to see whether they have made the jump from GCSE to A-

have thinking."

At Withington, Mrs Kenyon says, girls are not motivated by the awarding of prizes and no ranking order is given in examinations. She says: "We have a selective intake and the girls are ail aiming to go to university, so motivation is not usually a problem we encounter. It is not very meaningful to say that a girl is best when you have a lot who are very good. Because of our selec-tion, the difference in the ability range is not great."

Underperformance is also a problem seldom encountered at St Paul's Girls School in London, which was second in the league table. Janet Gough, the High



Celebration: pupils at the table-topping Withington Girls' School rejoice in their grades

Mistress, says: "If that happens, it is because the girl has a crashingly active social life or because something wild has happened at home."
Miss Gough believes that apart

from monitoring the skills and pro-gress of each girl, an important part of the school's success is the open-door policy it pursues. "If you have talented pupils, good-calibre staff and committed parents," she says, "there is not very much that is going to go wrong."

Her sentiments are shared by James Sabben-Clare, the Headmaster of Winchester, whose

school, with fees almost three times Withington's, came third in the table. He says: "We have a lot of intelligent and well-motivated pupils and talented staff. If you put those two together, in a happy environment, you would expect to get

Tony Tuckwell, Headmaster of King Edward VI School in Chelmsford, agrees that the new table is probably fairer, even though it neans that his school slipped down from 19th to 133rd place. Despite this, he will not abandon entering able pupils for four or even more

A levels. "We take the view that it broadens pupils' minds," he says. "If you go by the total points score, you are able to establish which

schools are stretching their most talented pupils."

Mr Tuckwell, in common with other successful heads, believes that academic success is only part of the whole. An emphasis on arts, drama and community and charitable work is an essential element of their most important task. And that, all the heads agree, is to turn talented children into responsible

A good head for exam figures

Hugh Thompson marvels at the

comprehensives that manage to compete

being

there is a group of schools that is neither private nor selective yet which produces GCSE results that compare lavourably with the best.

This is a small band of state comprehensives which, despite having about 30 per cent of pupils who are below average and another large group who are average, manage to achieve 90 per cent A* to C grades at GCSE. So how do schools that do not select pupils, have annual cutbacks and 30 in a class do it? They couldn't without excellent - often almost absurdly dominant head teachers, many of whom serve

for decades.

Admittedly, many of the best comprehensives — such as Watford Grammar, 'Pupils Cardiff High and Dame Alice Owen — were previously good se-lective schools. Neverknow that theless, they have a very we are important story to tell. Aldon Williamson, the Head Mistress of all about

Dame Alice Owen, a mixed school in Potters Bar, North London. says: "Having wellqualified. experienced staff and a low staff turnover, plus everyone totally committed to doing their best, both in the classroom and elsewhere, is the key. This school has been able to draw on its 350 years of history. which gives us an added dimen-

Many schools caught in the bind between budget cuthacks, teachers seeking early retirement and the greater expense of experienced professionals have gambled on cheaper, less experienced teachers. All the top comprehensives would consider that to be a penny-

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wise, GCSE-foolish strategy. Griff Roberts, Head Teacher at Cardiff High, says, "Of course, better teachers are more expensive. but they are the most important resource. The local authority

chooses our children and or control is over the staff. We have very effective mentoring schem which brings home to both childre and parents that they could obetter. This is achieved by setting out individual programmes strengthen weak areas."

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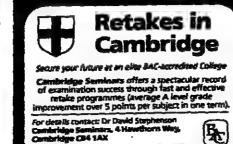
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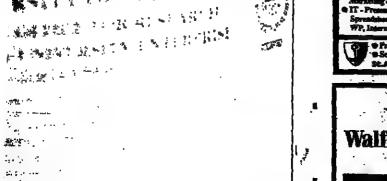
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Iola Smith reports on the help offered to students by Bath University's financial advice service

Live within your means

he drop-out rate at British universities is the envy of most of the world, but it has been rising in recent years. Student debt is one of the main causes, and is expected to become yet more of a problem when grants disappear. While others wring their hands over

the grim prospects for their students. Bath University has acted to pre-empt financial difficulties wherever possible. The campus now runs a comprehensive financial support service.

The university says that studying for a degree can cost as much as £20,000. But, unlike the detailed financial assessments and cost analyses that people taking out a mortgage prepare before making their decisions, students are often unprepared for such a large

The result is that many graduates leave university in debt. According to year course is £6,000. That sum would be much higher if students did not have part-time paid work. Judith Walker, Bath University's money adviser and debt counsellor, says: Poor money management skills are not to blame for rising debt. Insufficient funds are being made available to students particularly to mature students with dependants. Thirteen per cent of Bath's students fall into this category."

To live on campus, this year's first years will need about £3,500. If they plan to rent a flat in the Roman city. they will have to spend more - be-tween £4,500 and £5,000. Yet, Mrs Walker says: "The maximum grant available to students coming to Bath is £1,755. They can take out a £1,685 student loan, making a total of £3,440."

To come through a four-year course financially unscathed, students will need to plan their finances carefully and get budgeting advice before problems occur. To get that advice they will be able to turn to the Money Advice Centre. This one-stop-shop covers all aspects of student finances, from administering student loans to Job Link, a free employment service that finds part-time work on campus or in the city. Since its creation last year. Job Link has provided employment for more than 300 students.

But the centre's main task is helping individual students to cope financially and assisting those who fall into debt. Debt counselling and even negotiation with creditors is offered to students who fall on hard times

Mrs Walker says: "We will write to credit card companies on behalf of students, explaining how much they can afford to repay. Many credit companies will accept regular pay-



ments of as little as E5 a month, provided they can keep in close touch with the student debtor

Students are also helped to garner support from the Access Fund, a grant allocated to universities by the Government to aid students in difficulties, and from Bath's own Hardship Fund. In both cases, special consideration is given to mature students in need and to students with dependants.

The priority. however, is to assist students before they get into debt. Individual students are therefore encouraged to use the centre to prepare a realistic budget each term. Mrs Walker says: "One of the hardest things about being a student is making the money last. Budgeting is vital and cannot be done too early. Students should stay in control of their financial situation by constant monitoring." She also recommends that they gain as much information as possible from every available

The Bath centre, for example, has

formation on state benefits and all the charity and trust support available to students. There are information technology facilities that enable students to plan and print out their own personal

ut there are also simple steps that students throughout the UK can take to make university less of a financial nightmare. They should take advantage of all available student discounts and. even more importantly, they should avoid credit and store cards.

Bath advises all students to talk regularly to their bank's student banking officer. They are urged to save whenever possible and to check all bank statements carefully. Yet excessively stringent budgets which cannot be adhered to should be avoided.

Part of Mrs Walker's remit is to meet sixth-formers and their parents to make them aware of the pitfalls before entering higher education. Sometimes prospective students are in no financial

position to consider higher education. These include, for instance, potential students who have not been resident in the UK for the past three years perhaps because their parents have been working abroad. Such people cannot have their fees paid by the local authority and they may have difficulty finding alternative funding.

The Money Advice Centre does its best to help — and can occasionally obtain the necessary lifeline — but students in this position are advised to assess their financial situation very

In the past, universities did not have to get involved in averting students' financial problems. Now, however, institutions realise that if they do not help, they can be penalised — because tuition fees are withdrawn by local authorities if students abandon their studies because of debt.

In future, more higher education institutions will probably follow Bath's example and do their utmost to keep their students solvent.

Don't give up yet marks can still rise

f your A level or GCSE examination results were not as good as you had expected, do not despair immediately switch career direction. Instead,

consider a challenge to the emmiostion board. In many cases - sometimes up to 50 per cent of appeals — boards admit their errors and award a higher grade. Yet little publicity is given to the appeals procedure and few are encouraged by their schools or colleges, which have to process applications. Only private candidates can ap-

peal directly. However, take action now. because every day that passes is vital for reassessing and remarking. The Scottish Qualifications Authority, for example, sets Sunday as the deadline for orgent appeals, and Septem-

her 3 for all other appeals. The starting point is to ascertain the expected grade from the course tutor. It may be that the results from a whole class are down by a grade or two and that staff have already made the de-

cision to appeal.

Whether the claim is for an individual or a group, the process has several stages, starting with a derical re-check. This is to establish that all parts of the script have been marked, correctly totalled and entered in the computer system, as well as to check that any examiner or moderation adjustments have been applied. A review of the total component marks, how the grade thresholds have been set, and whether any special allowances considered are also examined.

Fees vary. The Southern Examining Group (SEG) charges £3 for GCSE while the Nonbern Examinations Assessment Board (NEAB) charges £7.75, and 68.75 for A and AS levels. The second stage is to remark and to make the derical recheck above. The SEG charges £22.50 for GCSE and £36 for A level

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A better approach is to ask for a report on the individual's performance in addition to both the remark and clerical recheck. This helps to identify strengths and weaknesses. If the grade is borderline, it should help to establish whether it is worth attempting a retake, and where to

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creatly: £15 for GCSE, and £26 for A level at London, E31 and E72 respectively at NEAB, E37.50 for GCSE at SEG, and £41 for A level at the Associated Examining Buard

Sometimes examination boards will offer an appeals arrangement to cover two linked subjects, such as GCSE English and English literature. They may also accept inquiries for one indiidual component or one individual module for half

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The appeal is not the end of the process. One board, for instance, which had been asked to carry out a remark, issued an open postcard, confirming the grade within 48 hours. It is almost beyond the bounds of credulity that its retrieval system could identify the candidate's papers, send them to a fresh examiner, receive their marks, compare them with the original, carry out a clerical recheck, look at grade thresholds and dispatch its considered views in this time. For confidence and future study, candi-dates, parents and tutors should seek a written report.

If either the appeal result or manner in which it was carried out is unsatisfactory. ask the board to ensure that the correct procedures for remarking or remoderation took place. This may be two stages with an awards and review committee followed. if appropriate, by an appeal panel as the board's final

The final stage is beyond the board. The independent Appeals Authority was set up at the request of the Secretary of State for Education in 1990 and is funded by

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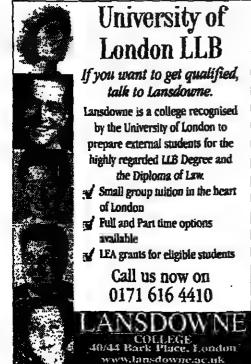
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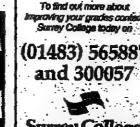
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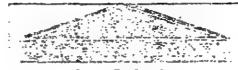
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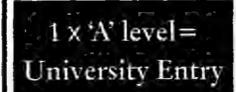


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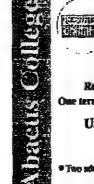
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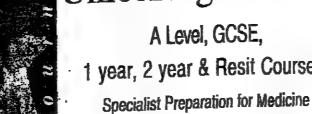
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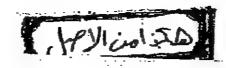
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THE final listings of degree vacancies are published here for students chasing courses still available at universities and colleges this

autumn. Today's updated list of courses in engineering and technology rounds off The Times' daily course vacancy service. The clearing process has been the busiest ever as students clamour for the final free" higher education places before the Governintroduces annual £1,000 tuition charges for students starting next year, Nevertheless. as these listings show. many opportunities still remain for suitably qualified applicants in engineering and technology.

Courses marked with an asterisk are part of modular schemes, available in a variety of combinations. All other courses are identified by the codes used in the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service handbook.

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THE sixth-formers of With- day, A ranking of state and in the way The Times league ington Girls School, Man- independent schools at GCSE table of A levels is compiled. In chester, who topped The years ago, have repeated the haustive. Some of the leading number of points achieved by feat at A level. The independent state schools have not submitted their results, and not all of one in Britain to average more the appropriate schools private schools. than nine points, mid-way belong to the Independent between A and B grade, for every A level.

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Withington I ike many of the leading girls' schools, genprevious years, schools have been ranked on the average than others.

In the two St Paul's schools, in London, for example, the the first time. The school boys took 3.5 subjects each on would have been seventh average this summer, whereas under the old system. Judged

most from the switch, almost slipping out of the top 20 for

Withington, like many of schools in previous tables second.

have entered pupils for an of last year's leading average of half an A level more schools. Etcn Coilege suffers three A levels. It was the only school in Rritain to average school in Britain to average more than nine points for

each examination taken. Schools with fewer than ten Margaret Kenyon, the candidates have been excludheadmistress, said: We never ed from the ranking. The table stop girls from taking more if is based on university enthey have a particular interest trance scores; an A at A level is they want to pursue, but we worth ten points, 8 S, C 6, D 4 think that for most girls three and E I. An A at AS level is

A levels is enough. No university requires more, and we worth five points, B 4, C 3, D 2 and E 1. The total is divided by want to leave time for our the number of subject entries, general programme and other with each AS examination activities like voluntary ser-counting as half an entry. vice. They have got to have a General studies results are

excluded. Independent schools' results were provided by Isis; state schools' were collected by Christina Aware Owusu, Elizabeth Judge, Lokei Li, Alice Lythgoe-Goldstein, Nazanine Moshiri, Illana Vali.

GUIDE TO THE HIGHEST-RANKING STATE AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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Whitaker puts Britain back in the chase

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN MANNHEIM

by John Whitaker on Virtual Village Welham put the Great Britain team in second place overnight, p.86 points behind Germany, the Olympic champions, after the raindrenched opening speed leg of the European showjumping champion-ships yesterday. Holland, the 1991 European champions, are a close third. The Swiss, the defending champions, are in fourth place as the team competition moves into the

two-round final today. Whitaker, the winner of the 1989 European title on Milton, is in second place individually behind Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, on his 1993 World Cup-winner, Spehe

Beerbaum's beautifully executed winning round, late in the day, brought some timely cheer to the

RESULTS

POSITIONS (after lirst leg of team compatrion) 1. Germany 7 75ps; 2, Greet Britain 14.61, 3 Holland 17.61, 4, Sentzerland 21.30 5 Austra 24.46, 6, heland 24.88 3 Individual; 1, Speripe Ratina (L. Beerbeyum, Ger) 0, 2, Virtual Village Weltram IJ Whitaker, GBJ 131, 3. For Pleasure (L. Nieberg, Ger) 187, 4, Cahano (W. Melliger, Switz) 4.20; 5 equal. Top Gun Ia Silla IJ Tops, Holl) and ET (H. Smont, Austria) 4.35 Other British: 10, Virtual Village Ashley (M. Whitaker) 8.43, 13 Tees Hanauer (R. Smith) 6.37, 26, Virtual Village It's Otto (G. Ballington) 9.79

bedraggled spectators who had braved three hours of rain.

Despite the wet conditions which were in marked contrast to the fierce heat of Wednesday - the going in the sandy arena remained good throughout the competition. Olaf Petersen, the German course designer, had built a 14-fence course that, as he had promised, relied more on its technical demands than its size. The most influential obstacle proved to be fence six, a double of uprights with two short strides between them that were placed six long strides after the water of fence

The first Britain rider, Geoff Billington, on It's Otto, was dispatched by Ronnie Massarella, the

AN OUTSTANDING performance instructions too literally with a slowish round that, with five seconds added for a knockdown at fence seven, has left him in 26th place overnight - a position he should improve on in the Nations Cup-style second leg today, which should suit the huge-jumping Dutch-bred gelding better than a speed class.

Michael Whitaker, on Virtual Village Ashley, and Robert Smith, on Tees Hanauer, the next two team riders, compensated with fast rounds but they, too, each had an unlucky mistake. Whitaker, the individual silver medal-winner at the 1995 European championships, just clipped the last fence when Ashley appeared to spook at the water ditch beneath the rails. Smith, riding in the worst of the downpour. produced a masterful round on the 7-year-old Tees Hanauer but had five penalties in the water.

John Whitaker, the last to go. knew he had to produce something special to keep Britain in the frame after Germany's score was boosted by a fast round of 77.56sec from their third rider, Lars Nieberg, on For Pleasure, a member of their 1996 Olympic gold medal-winning team. It is a position that Whitaker. the anchorman of the team for more than a decade, has been in many times before — and he did not disappoint.

Welham, 17, was foot perfect as he negotiated two possible short cuts on the course. Crossing the finish line in 76.84sec, a rare smile broke across Whitaker's inscrutable face. "He was listening to me all the time," he said of Welham. "When I pressed the button he answered."

But his round unwittingly helped Beerbaum, the last but three to go. I watched John," the 1992 Olympic champion said afterwards, and decided that he didn't look as if he was going to have many fences down over the next three days - so I had to take my chance and go for it." One of the most stylish riders the sport has seen. Beerbaum produced a breathtakingly short turn into the team manager, with orders to go for a steady clear. Billington took the ed the course in 74.21sec.

Congreaves courts American dream

Julian Muscat watches an

English basketball

player make her mark in

the women's national

league in the United States

ew York. If you can make it there, you would make it anywhere, Andrea Congreaves was last night one step away from gleaning the truth about Frank Sinatra's eulogy to the city that never sleeps. Unheralded in her homeland, Congreaves was due on court for Charlotte Sting to play Houston Comets in the semifinals of the inaugural Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) championship. Popcorn, high fives, free throws and slam dunks come naturally to Congreaves, a raging success story among Englishwomen abroad.

With New York Liberty favoured to topple Phoenix Mercury in the other semi-final, Congreaves and the unfashionable Sting were prim-ing themselves for one last upset in the final to be held in the Big Apple. First, however, they had to see off Houston Comets in a match that Congreaves, 27, awaited with relish. It was 13 days ago, against Houston, that she cemented her status as one of the finds of the new league. With a record 18,937 fans baying her name, Congreaves posted i4 points and six rebounds in an 80-71 victory over the Eastern Conference champions, projecting her team towards a play-off place.

It is an unlikely scenario for the woman born in South London, of Guyanese parents, who attended Carshalton High School. One of the last overseas recruits to the professional game in the United States, Congreaves is now one of the first names on the Charlotte team-sheet. A spellblinding month saw her fêted as the Eastern Conference shooting champion. She was registering a greater harvest of points, with each shot,

than any other player. Basketball is dominated by statistics and Congreaves can count some impressive ones of her own. At 6ft Zin, she complements this inherent advantage with speed and athleticism - not to mention a versatility that requires regular role changes in open play. She is deployed according to the opposition's strength: last night she was asked to counter the menace of



Congreaves shows the style and athleticism that has made her a leading player for Charlotte Sting in the women's league

Cynthia Cooper, the league's leading points-scorer. Over the tenweek regular season, she excelled against opponents that she described as "the legends which encouraged all of us to play the game back in Britain".

Congreaves's conversion to professional basketball arrived entire-

ly by chance. She was spotted playing for Crystal Palace juniors at a youth tournament in Helsinki and was offered a sports scholar-ship at Mercer College, Atlanta. She excelled over her four years, prompting Mercer to "retire" her No 3 vest. Nevertheless, the thought of playing professionally, a

distant pipedream within British basketball, seemed so improbable that Congreaves placed a greater emphasis on graduating. "At the time I just couldn't

believe it was possible to play basketball for a living," she said. "Sure, I'd been doing it for a few years in Italy before I came to Charlotte, but still I never thought I'd be playing in the States against stars like Lynette Woodens. Now she actually knows who I am. I mean, can you believe it?"

Few organisations know more about marketing and promotion than the National Basketball Association, which adopted the women's league from the outset. The inaugural season has generated huge publicity, nationwide media coverage and a host of games shown live on television. Some NBC, audiences have even exceeded those for major league baseball. Average courtside attendences,

'Even when we are on the road. fans come up to ask for pictures and autographs'

initially forecast at 4,000, were quickly revised to 6,000 and rose to 10,000 at the recent conclusion of the regular season. All of this has made Congreaves, a stranger in her parents' South London street, hrstantly recognisable around Char-lotte and beyond.

"Even when we are on the road, fins come up to ask for autographs and pictures," she said. "When I started to be bombarded in the shopping malls, I thought Well, you're in Charlotte, North Carolina, and that's about as much recognition as you'll get. But it's gone way beyond that. The whole thing has been one massive ride. We are one of the Cinderella teams, next to New York and LA, but I believe we can continue to sur-

Two more surprises would bring an improbable championship to Charlotte. Even more improbable, within the scenario, is that Congreaves has been a potent ingredi-ent within the Sting. "I just don't want it to end," she said. "If I was back home. I'd have looked on this league in awe. It's hard to get used to the idea that I'm a part of it." An increasingly influential part, too.

CYCLING

Boardman unmoved despite loss of crown

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BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN remains the world's fastest 4,000 metres pursuit rider, even though he was absent from the world championships at the indoor velodrome in Perth. Australia this week.

Philippe Ermenault, of France, yesterday won the final against Alexei Markov, of Russia, in 4min 23.530sec more than 12 seconds slower than Boardman's winning time, recorded at Manchester last year, which gave him the gold medal and world record. Boardman, who watched the final on television, competes in the Grand Prix Eddy Merckx time-trial in Belgium on Sunday, he won the event

in 1993 and last year. It was Boardman who, after finishing third to Graeme Obree, of Scotland, and Ermenault in the world pursuit championship four years ago in Norway, recommended the French amateur for a trial with his Gan team.

Ermensult's debut with the professionals was brief and unimpressive. He lasted only two days in the Tour de l'Avenir stage race before retiring and returning to the amateur ranks.

He was the second-fastest qualifier in the Olympic pursuit last year, went on to beat Markov in the semi-finals and took the silver medal behind Andrea Collinelli, of Italy, in the final. Ermenault's victory yesterday added to the championship successes of his compatriots, who took gold in the keirin and three-man Olympic

The all-Scottish trio of Craig MacLean, Chris Hoy and Craig Percival was beaten in the second round of the Olympic sprint yesterday Germany, the eventual silver medal winners.

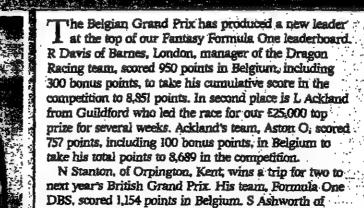
The main event for Britain today is the 4,000 metres team pursuit, for which Obree has not been selected. The quartet will be Rob Hayles, Matthew Illingworth, Jon Clay and Bryan Steel

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Going concerns lead to improvements at grassroots level

RACECOURSE executives sizes during each of the past are being forced to recognise two years. Over jumps. 32 are being forced to recognise that if the sport is to remain a going concern, rather more concern has to be shown about the going. A strict new regime in track maintenance is about to be enforced by the Jockey Club - but, as new figures reveal, concrete progress has already been made

Concrete is precisely the sort of description that trainers have become accustomed to using in disparagement of the ground. In terms of furl husbandry, racecourses have been accused of desertion - of neglecting their principal asset while building new stands or responding to bleats. about prize money.

But Tony Goodhew, the Jockey Club director of field services, has inspired a quiet revolution, literally at grass-roots level. The Raccourse Association (RCA) is now confident that its members, hav-ing subscribed to an ethic of energetic self-improvement,

are shead of the new rules. A decent racing surface is the axis of various priorities racehorse welfare, above all, but also the need for competitive field sizes - that unite the diverse, often divergent, sectors within the industry. Uncompetitive racing is bad for racecourses, bad for book-

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makers, bad for funding Encouragement can be taken from analysis of the worst 50 fixtures, in terms of field

meetings in 1995 were contested by an average of fewer than five runners per race: last year, that figure was down to 15. On the Flat, 28 cards in 1995 had an average of fewer than six runners per race; in 1996. the same was true of only ten. In terms of safety, there has

been a corresponding improvement in the percentage National Hunt meetings held on firm or hard ground. In 1995, these accounted for 11.3 per cent of the total; last year, for just 6.4 per cent. Hard going, as a category, has now been eliminated (the meeting must be abandoned); but it had already diminished to two fixtures last year, from ten in 1995. All this has been achieved in the context of a two-year spell, up to this spring recorded as the warm-

est in two centuries. These achievements in part reflect a more sensitive racing calendar. For instance, on the very day that the new regulations are launched, September 22. Plumoton stages a fixture moved from August 9. Its other August fixture has also been put back, until October, leaving a "fallow period" allowing last winter's grass to recover - now extending from

April to September. In seeking fixtures, a racecourse tends to have a different sort of green stuff in mind. . Making a priority of the grass, in allocating them, is typical of the process of re-education at the heart of the new regulations. The RCA formed a research group to develop "best practice" guidelines, acknowledging that managements had sometimes been guilty of ignorance.

The upshot of its liaison with the Jockey Club is the new guidelines - a new focus for the production of ground that allows sound horses to give their best, maximising field sizes and minimising injury. Courses will have to satisfy the Jockey Club that their standards are acceptable, that the going is no faster than good to firm for jump racing, and firm for the Flat. Persistent failure, without due

cause, will see fixtures moved. Caroline Davies, racecourse liaison executive at the RCA, stressed that the changes result from collaboration, not coercion, "Racecourses have been overwhelmingly receptive to the initiative," she said. They have done a lot of work

already, especially in training, We've been trying to raise the priority of investment in the racing surface. Race-courses face a lot of pressure from various lobby groups how to spend their income. It's only natural if the eye has sometimes been drawn away. But if we get the racing surface right, as the fundamental priority, these other spin-off benefits will follow.

Haami ready to raise classic profile

FOR a colt so prominent in the 2,000 Guineas betting, Haami is managing to keep a pretty low profile. After drawing attention to himself with a dashing debut at Newmarket's July meeting, this John Dunlop-trained colt underwent some discreet further education in a minor event at Doncaster - while the racing public ogled, the same afternoon, at the flamboyance of Daggers Drawn in the Rich-

mond Stakes at Goodwood. Now that Haami is ready for his first pattern race, he will again be observed only by a select, satellite audience, excepting those able to start the weekend early at Sandown this afternoon,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHARP PLAY (3.40 Sandown Park) Next best: Shuska (2.35 Sandown Park)

when he contests the Solario

They will have to weigh his credentials with - well, weights and measures. He is 7lb worse off for the neck he beat Tracking in that Doncaster race, which gives him little chance on paper. On grass, it could be a rather

different story. In a field of only four at Town Moor, Haami quickened decisively to get involved and was never going to be worried out of it once in front despite signs of inexperience. A son of Nashwan. out of a half-sister to Erhaab. Haami is doubtless better than we have seen to date, albeit what we have seen is pretty good (the Newmarket form is working out).

Almutawakel and Celtic Cav-Tracking, by contrast, almost certainly improved significantly to run the race he did at Doncaster, and could need each of those 7lb to stay at Haami's shoulder. His stable have had one or two disappointments over recent

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taking a match at Newmarsented by Mark Johnston's ket, has probably achieved as Sharp Play: who chased him much as any on the book. But home at the Curragh last the Aidan O'Brien-trained time. On his debut at York, it is worth recalling, Sharp Play had beaten Mowbray Celtic Cavalier has plenty to find on his Irish form, and may be on a reconnaissance with some emphasis:

Mowbray has won both

starts since. Another classy juvenile's form is examined by Little Indian, though one should not get too carried away if he follows his third to Central Park at Goodwood with a prominent show here. This stiff finish will suit him better than his odds may suggest.

The promising Haami defends his unbeaten record in the group three Solario Stakes at Sandown today

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Going: good to firm (firm in places) Goorg: good to him firm in places; 2-10 (2m if hole) 1. Eden Dancer (P Niven, 2-1); 2. Why Star (10-11 lan); 3. Norsios (10-1); 6 ran. 1½, 3%1. Mrs. M. Reveley. Tota: 2-50; th.00, 52-30. DF: 01-60. CSF: 24-32. 2-40 (2m Si 110-di hole) 1. Red Jam Jar (K Johnson, 4-1); 2. Bellindoo (7-2); 3. Stent Guest (5-2 fav), 6 ran. NF; Persten Mystic Guest (5-2 fav), 6 ran. NF; Persten Mystic (10, 8); 5 Bell. Tota: 55:20; 52-40, 51:90. DF 52:80. CSF: \$16.22.

3.10 (2m 5l ch) 1, Two-For One (A Thomson, 2-1); 2, Corporal Kirtowood (3-1), 3, Prince Balleser (16-1), Will Brook 5-4 taw. 6 san. 194, 61, Miss 1, Paussal, Toues £2.80, £1 50, £1 70, OF: £3,70 CSF-£8,41. 3.40 (2m Si ch) 1, The Tosster (Mr C Bonner, 6-4 layl; 2, Cross Carmon (5-2); 3, Another Rad (14-1), 5 ran, 1 kl, 24l, Mass M MBilgan, Tote: 22.00; 51.10, 61.70 OF: 22.20, CSF 65.63.

4.10 (2m 5f 110)(d hdle) 1, Saucy Nun (E Husband, 9-1); 2, Lord Of The Fings (4-7 tor); 3, High-Collecte (16-1), 5 ran, 14, 151. P. High: Tota: £12.30; £4.00, £1 10. DF £4.80. CSF: £14.81. 24.00 (SSF: 21.01) 4.40 (27) 11 holls) 1, Terdiad (P Niver, 8-13 hayl; 2, Thomsoun Javel (25-1); 3, Mystic Times (16-1), 9 ran, 111, nk. Mrs M Reveley York: 51.70; 51.70, 52.0, 52.00. DF 518.00 Time: £150 to (per wort, Pool of £50 77 carried toward to 4.10 Sendown Park today); CSF: £23.72 [Institute 52.01]

Placepet: £13.00. Quadact: £3.70. ☐ Kieren Fallon leads Frankie Dettori 126 - 125 in the jockeys' championship race after winning on Sadian at Lingfield Park yesterday.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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2.35 DORKING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

3.05 IBC EXECUTIVE TRAVEL HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £5,250: 1m 14yd) (15 runners)

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3.40 SOLARIO STAKES (Group III. 2-Y-O £18.930: 71 16yd) (6 runners)

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4.10 IBC EXECUTIVE TRAVEL STAYERS HANDICAP

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4.45 CLAYGATE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0 52,843 1m 1) /12 number (A) 0453 AZORES 11 (H R H Prince Fand Salman) P Cold 9-3

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ALL IN LEATHER is owen another chance on this eather sufface

20 GUILDFORD HANDICAP (£3,810: 5f 6vd) (12 runners)

BETTANG 3-2 Hall fore, 6-1 Telian Gamester, 13-2 Salaman 7-1 Earning 6-1 Museum as: Switc Magic 12-1 At Large Comple Costs, Ranc to The Family 12-1 others 1996 SOURSE CORRIE 4-8-9 Gaye Harvinos (11-2) G Horiston 15 ac

FORM FOCUS

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HALF TONE, on a track where she goes well is narrowly preferred.

Trankie Dettori, who received a five-day ban for irresponsible riding when first past the post on Cape Cross at Goodwood on Saturday, has decided to appeal. The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club will consider his case at 8.45 this morning.

CHESTER

THUNDERER 2.10 Mad Militant. 2.45 Fly By Night. 3.15 CONCER UN (nap). 3.50 Socket Set. 4.20 Dirab. 4.55 Yabint El

DRAW 5F-7F, 2YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 WIRRAL APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£2,998: 177 21 75yd) (10 summers)

1 (8) 3369 RASAYEL 26 (C.D.F.6) P Evens 7-10-0 A McCaritry (3) 75

2 (7) 0250 SHAHK 1 (0.5) D Haydro Jones 7-10-1 A McCaritry (3) 75

3 (1) 1033 MAND ANLIFANT 18 (G.F.R.5) A Stream 8-9-7 R Erroland 77

4 (6) 2104 AMBRICATROUS 21 (CD.F.6) E Alston 6-9-4 McLance Worden (8) 71

5 (9) 4110 WENTERLÜGE LAG 8 (V.B.F.C.D.F.G.S) A Society 7-9-1 Hautson (8) 180

68 (10) 9530 SASEBRUSH ROLLER 11 (B.C.6.) J Halts 9-8-4 A Hobrids 176

19 (10) 423 MCDLA'S PRINCESS 14 B McLikholm 4-6-6 Fallyre 7

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24 4442 PORTITE SOPHE SM Brainer 6-7-11 Paradhy 7

10 (8) 00-0 MALAREER 14 J H Wilson 4-7-0 Rogish Haristy (3) 54

7-2 Mark Milliant 4-7 Ambritectross, 7-1 Shahit, Wenthindge Lad, Penner Sopher. (£2,998: 1m 21 75yd) (10 sunners)

7.3 Mad Militarit. 4-1 Architectrons, 7-1 Shahit. Wentbridge Lad, Portrie Sopt 8-1 Rasspel, Nicola's Princess. 10-1 others. 2,45 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,522: 7(2yd) (8)

6-4 Fly By Hight, 9-2 Duzer, 5-1 Stananteed, 5-1 Lift The Offer, 7-1 Rewards, 12-1 D'Kally, 16-1 Royal Separat, 33-1 Laranteira.

3.15 EASTGATE HANDICAP (£6,453: 71 2yd) (13) 4-1 Concey Un, 6-1 Hoyal Mark, 7-1 Highborn, Albert The Bear, 8-1 Sar Falent, Homers Mr Micogray, 10-1 Mr Bergerat, Desbie-1, 12-1 others

3.50 COMBERMERE FILLIES CONDITIONS

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4.20 BLACKFRIARS HANDICAP

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4.55 RED DEER HANDICAP

8 (1) 2313 YESDIT S. S.R. TAN 34 (C.F.) B Mediatron 7-12 9 110, 530 MY VALENTRIA 31 (5) F.H. e. F.70 Pressy (5) 81 10 (6) 0100 REVER 51 (6) F. F. S. T. 13 ... F. Horton 84 7-2 bly kajentsia, 4-1 Ramane, 6-1 Blacker Jack, Yabini El Sultan, 8-1 Titta Ruffo Danzas, 19-1 Packerpacker, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: D Loder 4 extract from 15 namers, No 7%; J Danlop, 5 from 19 26:33, P Chamble-Hydror 17 from 47, 73.4%, M Scotte, 16 from 73, 21.9%; B Harron, 14 from 72, 15.4%. JOCKEYS: Is Darley: 18 number: ham 85 udes; 21 7%, JF Egan 6 from 34, 17 6%; R Cockesse; 6 from 40, 15 5%, J Fortune, 8 from 63 12 7%; J Carolli, 13 from 104, 12,5%, D Profesor 6 from 48, 12,5%

The Michael Stoute-trained Clerkenwell. last year's Ebor Handicap winner, is likely to miss Deauville on Sunday in favour of a race at Salisbury next Thursday.

PERTH

THUNDERER 2.20 Pride Of Kashmir. 2.55 Amlah. 3.30 Tough Test. 4.00 Thisonesforalice. 4.30 Master Kit. 5.05 Good

GOING GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.20 ABERDEEN ASSET MANAGERS NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,530 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

18-11 Prote Of Machina, 7-2 Consistent Boy & 2 Pearls Of Thought, 16-1 Fear From Home 12-1 Concent Communical 26-1 Tergentian Lib 1 Martin Gift.

2.55 MARKETING MIX NOVICES CHASE

1 13-1 AMLAH 84 (CD.F.G) P Hebb, 5-11-2 2 0F-6 HOLDERS HILL 51 (D.S) M Maagher 5-10-9 3 0P-5 BLUE CHEOLIER 84 1 Dalgery 6-10-7 ... 2-7 Ambdi, 11-4 Historia Hill. 33-1 Blue Cheques

3.30 ABERDEEN ASSET MANAGEMENT HANDICAP CHASE (£3.355: 3m) (5)

1 SQP- TIGHTER BUDGET 151 (C.F.G.S) Denne Sayer 10-11-10 R McGrath (5)
2 20-1 TOUGH TEST 84 (CD.F.G.S) Ltd. J Controlled 7-11-8 R Storey
3 11-4 SLOTAMATIQUE 84 (R.P. CD.F.G.S) 6 fuctorité 6-11-6 A Johnson
4 -S41 DISTANT MEMORY 12 (B,CD.F,G) P Hobbs 6-11-C B Powel
5 -24P RUSTY BLADE 21 (B,CD.6) F Manicah 9-10-2 R Johnson 6-4 Destart Mercary, 9-4 Tough Test 3-1 Schamatique 8-1 Topine Budger 10-1 Repty Times

4.00 ABTRUST SCOTLAND SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,540, 2m 110yd) (6) 2.3-03 VMTASE RED 18F (CD.F) G Potanto 7-11-10
2.3-5 SREYDON 27F (CD.F) P Montrols 4-11-2
3.4-51 FLBRILDGA 4 (GD.F) H Montrols 7-11-2 (7-4)
4.P-6P WAR WHODP 69 (D.F) Ness 1 Russell 5-11-0
5. CRU BRIZ 16F 2 Longs 6-10-7
6. 004 THISOMESFORALICE SF 1 GASH 9-10-2
5. Taylor (5)

5-4 Breyonn, 5-2 Fluidiacis, 3-1 Violage Red 10-1 Theoresionalice, 12-1 Brus

4.30 ABERDEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,035-2m 4f 110yd) (7) (3.055) 201 40) 10yu, 5-7 1 1835 MASTER (CT 97 (CD.F.G.S) 1 Primga 5-11-16 18 M Braddwins (7)

5.05 ABERDEEN ASSET MANAGEMENT

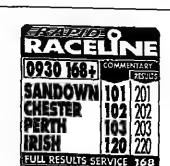
HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,671: 3m 110yd) (4) 1 181- GOOD HAND OF (CD.F) C RECIDENT 11 12-0 R Infracat 2 50-4 WHITE DIALOURD 9 (D.F.S) More L Recipil 5-10-12 D Red (F) 3 532- CHAIL WHITE THE (F.S.S) IN Exercise 4-10-12 R Super-4 35-6 PEGGY GORDON 85 (CD.F.G) Mar D Trombur 6-10-9 L O'Harr

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRABLERS P Hobbs 12 winners born 26 numers 45.2% | Llongo 10 kom 32 31.2% | Goldo 14 kom 49 28.6% | Gintlands 22 kom 95 22.4%, P Montreth, 17 hom 82 20.7%, J J O Heill 5 wom 50 10.0% JOCKEYS: G formey 2 movers from 8 rate: 37.5% F P (AcCor., 3 from 31, 29.0% A Datable 18 from 83, 27.7%, R McGrain, 6 from 54, 17.6%, 5 Taylot, 4 from 24, 15.7%, If McGrain, 23, 13.6%, P Supple, 5 from 42, 11.9%.

Blinkered first time

CHESTER: 3-10 Sagebrush Roller 2-45 Reveards 3-50 Bodfandistanction PERTH: 3-30 Rusty Blade 4-30 Walfo Court SANDOWN PARK 3-40 Cettre Cavalier 4-45 Intrivial Controls



Premiership finest can redress the balance of power

ROY KEANE, the captain of Manchester United, said at the start of the season that it really was not that big a deal. Of course, he and his teammates were eager to do well in the Champions' League but no, it was not a higher priority than winning the FA Carling Premiership again. Today, he will find out if he really meant

At midday, at Uefa's headquarters in Geneva, the draws for the Champions' League, the Cup Winners' Cup and the Uefa Cup will be made and an English tootball season that has already superseded most of its predecessors in terms of the hype generated at its start. will scale new heights of

Post-Heysel, and the ban on English clubs from competing in Europe, our leading sides have hardly distinguished themselves against the best teams from Italy, Spain and Germany. There have been isolated triumphs, such as United's Cup Winners' Cup victory over Barcelona in 1991 and Arsenai's win against Parma in the same competition three years later, but that

This year, though, there is real optimism that Premiership teams might enjoy a. resurgence against continental opposition. It has been fostered by Newcastle United's fine qualifying vic-tory over a highly rated Croaria Zagreb side that was completed in Zagreb on Wednesday night. For the first time, England will have two representatives in the Champions' League.

But Newcastle and Manchester United will have an uphill task qualifying from whichever of the six groups of four they find themselves in. Waiting for them in the draw are a forbidding list of Europe's leading clubs: Real Madrid, with Roberto Carlos and Raul; Juventus, with Zidane and Del Piero: Bayern Munich, AS Monaco, Paris Saint-Germain, Galatasaray, Borussia Dorimund and Barcelona, with Sonny Anderson, Figo and Rivaldo.

named among the top seeds for the competition so are bound to have to finish above one of Dortmund, Juventus. Real Madrid, Monaco, Bayern Munich and PSV Eindhoven, the nominated clubs, if they are to qualify automatically for the next round. United are in the second pot of teams, Newcastle in the third, but the rules state that they cannot be drawn in the same

their comparative wealth of European experience. Alex Ferguson's side may be the better placed to progress to the next phase of the competition. They were beaten home and away by Dortmund in the semi-finals last season, but they were far from outclassed. A shot from Nicky Butt in the first leg in Germany, which hit the post, and bounced away to safety, might have changed the tie entirely had it gone in.

In the Premiership, United are still not firing on all cylinders, coasting through their opening four matches. unbeaten, but not playing at their formidable best. They vere undone by their poor against Dortmund last season Teddy Sheringham, their attack may once again be their weak link against sides that ruthlessly punish profligacy.

Newcastle, of course, will be without Alan Shearer for the first swath of matches, which begin on September 17, and



Bergkamp: potent force

tory over Zagreb, though, will dence and Faustino Asprilla seems to be revelling in the responsibility handed to him in Shearer's absence. They would not be the first team to sneak in by a back door and surprise clubs who had waltzed straight into the

Champions' League.

More than either of the
English clubs in the leading competition, though, Liver-pool, Arsenal and Chelsea represent the best opportunity for success for Premiership sides in Europe this season. The London clubs have already shown signs that they have improved enough since last season to mount concerted challenges for the domestic championship, and Liverpool are beginning to find their

Chelsea, with their galaxy of foreign stars, probably have the best chance of all in the Cup Winners' Cup, a competition that is traditionally the weakest of the three and which has been further devalued by the fact that many countries' cup-winners have also finished second in their national championships and have, therefore, moved into the Champions' League.

Liverpool got to the semifinals of the Cup Winners' Cup last season and the additions of Paul Ince, Oyvind Leonhardsen and Kartheinz Riedle should make them a force in the Uefa Cup, where they will face opposition of the high quality of Ajax. Ander-lecht, Deportivo La Coruña, Rangers and Celtic. Arsenal, too, will start

among the favourites with their increasingly potent front two of Dennis Bergkamp and Ian Wright, and the rich European experience of men such as Marc Overmars and Emmanuel Petit. Aston Villa may find it hard to overcome their poor start to the domestic season and Leicester City are better bets to spring a few



Asprilla and Ketsbaia celebrate after the Georgia midfield player's winner for Newcastle against Zagreb

Rangers' riches come to naught

with a Blue Nose Burger, a Championi's hot dog or a Loyal Bacon Bap. They are urged to buy three replica kits, two bigoted fanzines and a whole range of products in club tartan. The Ibrox authorities, following the great Glasgow tradition of moneylending, can also arrange personal loans of up to £15,000 within 24 hours. All Rangers cannot offer is a team capable of responding to the challenge of European

qualify for the Champions' League, which, ended with a 4-1 aggregate defeat by IFK Gothenburg on Wednesday, was merely the latest example of the dangers of ritualised introspection and the shortcomings of an institution that appears to know the price of everything and the value of nothing. An 18-man squad, assembled for E26 million and a small fortune in Bosmanstyle signing-on fees, was OLIVER HOLT embarrassed beyond measure

by the basic disciplines of a team that cost little more than

The prospect of Rangers exploiting the booby prize of a Uefa Cup place is hardly enticing. Their tactical naively against the Swedes was as breathtaking as some of the fees paid for spectacularly limited players. Sergio Por-rini, a £35 million cast-off from Serie A, has the pace and positional sense of a myopic poodle. The haphazard violence of

Jorg Albert's worth £4 million. Marco Negri. another 13.5 million export from Italy, may be able to score goals at will in the frenzial

mediocrity of the Scottish League, but he lacks the speed of thought and movement to outwit top-quality defenders. Ibrox, more than ever, appears to be a rest home for the

aged and infirm. Or, as in the-Charlie Miller and Paul Gascoigne, the aimless and the inane. Ally McCoist's attempt to prove that he is more comfortable in the penalty box than the television studio featured such pathos it deserved a place in the Edinburgh Festival. Quite what the outstanding Brian Laudrup, whose £2.2 million fee was a relative nittance, made of it all would be revealing. Unfortunately the Rangers players, in a traditional knee-jerk response to adversity, refused all invitations to the inquest.

CHAMPIONS EGE

Alex Ferguson has a dream. To win the Champions' League, to brush aside the continental creme

de la crème and to exorcise die spectre of 1967-68 that still lingers at Old Trafford. Only if United emulate the exploits of their illus-

trious predecessors — Best, Charlton et al — can Ferguson

truly claim entry to football's managerial Hall of Fame. They came within touching distance last season, when losing to Borussia.

Dortmund, the eventual cham-pions, in the semi-finals, and

prous, in the semi-timas, and should again mount a similar challenge. Cantona has gone but he rarely shope in foreign fields, anyway: Captain Keane is settling in nicely; and Beckham has rested and returned. 1998 could be the

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it still grates that Newcastle Uni-

ted are among such select com-pany. How can they be when they imished only runners-up in the

Premiership last season? Is this not

the Champions' League? It is not

the fault of Newastle and, any-way, some might argue that their stirring qualifying performance against Croana Zagreb merits them a tilt at the real thing, even if their involvement is blocky to go on further them then the corre

further than the group rounds.

Much will depend on the speed of

recovery of Alan Shearer. With

through into the later stages; without him, St James' Park will

weep bucketfuls.

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Newcastle United

Manchester United

Smith, the manager who pent £15 million in another flawed rebuilding programme over the summer, would have been burned in effigy. Yet he has a place on the board, the promise of a testimonial match and the perk of a new three-year contract. Incomprehensibly, he shows every sign of cultivating a seige mentality. Faced with obvious failings.

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> Smith has been aged by assumptions of domestic superiority and knows as well as anyone that the be forgiven by Monday night if Rangers win at Celtic Park. Victory over Celtic will deepe the air of inevitability that already consumes the pursuit of a tenth successive Scottish. title. Football's endless season, Rangers 37th in Europe, will stretch ahead uninviting ly, with only the uncertainty of Scotland's World Cup prospects acting as a diversion.

on that".

Even in that sense, Rangers are a hindrance. Their recruitment policy does little to help Craig Brown's cause. Only five of the squad against Gothenburg were Scottish; only ten of the 26 players used in seven games this season are

shockwaves from the sun-kissed

HOW THE ENGLISH GENES A

home-grown. The irony is that Ibrox's resident Australians, Craig Moore and Tony Volmar, have perhaps the best chance of being in France next summer. Gascoigne, who has lost an alarming amount of weight, remains too ephemeral a figure to be entrusted with a key role in the England squad Occasional glimpses of skill are, as usual, negated by a lack of stamina and illdirected aggression.
This, of course, did not

prevent the Rangers fans bel-lowing "we are the people" in the dying moments on Wednesday night. Scottish football remains trapped in a time warp of tribal loyalties. The atmopshere is hateful, yet no one bats an eyelid as an obscene range of anti-Celtic material is peddled in the shadows of Ibrox's red-brick walls. The Old Firm match between the respective reserve teams, at ibrox tomorrow, will draw Scotland's biggest gate of the weekend by far. Mercifully, the clubs are being kept apart in the Ueia Cup draw.

Gothenburg's equaliser, criticised the manifest weaknesse of the Rangers defence, yet still tipped them to reach the final, it was left to Mats Jingblad, his manager, to puncture the prejence of respect. "They could do well," he said, with arched eyebrows, "but there are a lot of good clubs in the Uefa Cup, it will be difficult for them because of their surporters. They make them nervous. That's not the way to play in Europe."

Robert Andersson, scorer of

MICHAEL CALVIN

Newcastle look to join new elite

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By DAVID MADDOCK

IT WILL only be today, when Newcastle United await with some apprehension the draw for the Champions League, that the full implications of their two-leg victory over Croatia Zagreb will be grasped. The 2-2 draw after extra time on Wednesday night, which saw Newcastle progress to the group stage of the European Cup, will have pleased Sir John Hall, the club chairman, not least because of the riches on offer for reaching the later stages of the Champions'

League.

That is merely a side issue, though. No matter how lucky Newcastle were in qualifying - and they were extremely lucky -- the fact that they take their place alongside Manchester United in the draw in Geneva today is heavy with significance for the whole of English football. For this latest incarnation of the European Cup is a super league in all but name.

That is why it is so important for England to be represented by two clubs in the group stage. To fail to do so would have serious implications for the future. Italy and Germany are, undoubtedly, the dominant powers at present. They have the televisual muscle to dictate to the other countries and, of course, the best teams. Behind them come Spain. France and Holland, and farther behind are Portugal and England.

England needs two clubs in the group stages to gain the coefficient points to guarantee a continuing significant pres-



Pearce: out for two weeks

ence in the competition in the future. It was a point not lost on Sir John.

"European football is about to move to the next dimension and we have got to be part of it." he said. "It is obviously the future and we need to be involved to help shape it. Ciubs with ambition have got to project the best image across the Continent and obviously, the best way to do that is to be part of the Champions' League, to be part of what may well be perceived as a European super league." Of course, the primary con-

sideration for Newcastle must be the financial wellbeing of the club itself and they did themselves no harm by sneaking past Zagreb on what was a bizarre night in Croana. Whatever happens now they are guaranteed to earn at least El million from the groups

stage. Even Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, would not hide from the fact that his side had not played particularly well over the two legs against Zagreb and mutterings of a conspiracy against the smaller nations were expressed in the sour comments of Marijan Vlak, the Zagreb coach. He said: "The referee was a butcher. He made it an impossible job for my team and ruined the game. We are a small nation and we could do without referees like that stopping a small nation from

Vlak has a case. Newcastle's second goal in the first leg was created under dubious circomstances; and the penalty in the second leg, which ultimately decided the tie, was again questionable. And Asprilla should, perhaps, have been punished more severely for an apparent elbow into an opponents face. Asprilia may yet face sanction because the Uefa observer at the game has suggested that he may contradict the referee's report about the incident and, should he do

so, the Columbian forward may face a ban. There was further bad news for Newcastle last night when it was discovered that Stuart Pearce, injured in Zagreb, will he out for at least two weeks. On the flight back to the the North East in the early hours of yesterday morning, however, the inescapable feeling was a sense of relief and achievement. It is a sense that should be shared throughout

English football DAVID MADDOCK

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The last few Refreshers have covered the subject of ducking the opening lead against a No-Trump contract. But there are times when the best play is to win immediately:

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ing lead. East wins the queen and continues the suit. Declarer holds off until the third round, but then has to play on diamonds. West takes his ace and cashes two more spades to take the contract one off.

Many declarers would claim that was unlucky after all. West might have had both spade honours for his overcall. That is certainly possible, but what would he have led from KQ 10 x x in the suit? Surely a high honour. Thus after the lead of the ten East is marked with the queen or king of spades, either singleton or

Look at the effect of winning trick one with the ace of spades. What does East do? If he plays low, the suit is now blocked. When West wins his ace of diamonds he can play a spade to East's queen but there is no way West can regain the lead before declarer has enough tricks.

if East unblock his queen of spades, he is no better off as he can't get in to play a spade through declarer's jack. Whatever happens declarer will make his contract with one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and

two clubs. Another combination where this blocking play occurs is dummy holding Ax opposite declarer's 10 x x x. If West leads low he will not have underled KQJxx, so rising with the ace blocks the suit when East has started with a doubleton honour. Playing low allows the defence to set up the suit

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By Philip Howard

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c. A cook's apron



By RAYMOND KEENE DVESS CURRESPONDENT

Brief encounters

I conclude my coverage of the chess sections of the Mind Sports Olympiad held last week at the Royal Festival Hall, London with two miniature wins. A miniature in chess is defined as a win achieved in 25 moves or less. In the first game. Luke McShane, 13, scores in lightning fashion while in the second, grandmaster Stuart Conquest defeats the eightyear-old whose strategic mas-terpiece I published in this column vesterday. White: McShane

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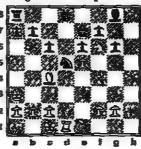
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Diagram of final position



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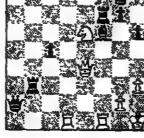
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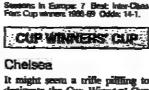
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Levy — Fuller. Praia da Rocha 1969. Black is a pawn up, but his nueen and rook are far from the defence of his king - a

factor which White now swiftly exploited. How did the game continue?





It might seem a trifle pillling to designate the Cup Wittness' Cup before it has barrely started but it is hardly the most competitive bunfight this season. Nice is un-doubtedly a more place but the likely to send out too many

Côte d'Azur. Neither are Vicenza, of Italy, or Roda JC, of Holland, and it is small wonder that Chelsea have been made joint-favourites, with Stutigart, to capture the trophy. Ruad Gullit and his greybeard accomplice, Ken Bates, could be a-lugging and a-jigging down the King's Road at the end of and all, and will not settle defen-

Arsenal miss Tony Adams, warts

sively until he returns from injury. When the going gets tough in downtown Alania Vladikavkaz or unruly Udinese, they will need his strength and leadership. Arsene Wenger must also cut out the indiscipline among his troops if they are to progress into the closing stages of the Uela Cup, which the club won under its former guise of the Inter-Cities Pairs Cup in 1969-70, but Arsenal should still go far, in their thir-teenth season in Europe, with Wenger's vast experience and tac-tical nous guaranteed to lest any

opponents Seasons in Europe, 13 Best Inter-Class Figs Cup wirners 1989-70, Cup Wirners Cup wirners 1983-94, Odds: 14-1.

Aston Villa Few managers displayed a wider grin during the summer than

Ince: new challenge

Brian Little, after his 17 million signing of State Collymore, Four successive league deleats and nul points later. Villa lie bottom of the Premientap pile and dreading a Uefa Cop draw against Ajaz Anderlecht or perhaps even Asr-hus. The still vivid memory of their ignomainious defeat against Helsingborgs IF last senson, in the first round of the same competition, does not help, either. Little is too shrewd a cookie to panic and he will acquit himself with dignity, whatever his side's fate. Yet The turnaround must happen soon, preferably before the trigger finger of Doug Ellis, the club chairman, gets too twitchy. Round two but, sadly, no further for Villa. Security in Europe: 10, Seet: European Cup winners 1981-82, Odde: 33-1,

Leicester City

Had Wimbledon qualified for Europe last season — and their monumental efforts surely deserved such reward -- the Crazy Camp fairyrale would have been complete. Not to worry, the Filbert Street story is similarly fascinating. City might not make it into the new year in only their second continental campaign but they could scare a few big boys along the way. For sentimental reasons. a tie against Atletico Madrid would be pleasing. Atletico beat them on their previous European

England's most experienced Euro-

escursion 36 years ago. Seasone in Burope: 2. Best: Cup Winner: Cup second raund 1951-62. Odds: 106-1

Liverpool

pean campaigners, on their 26th sortie, should again fly the flag with credit, especially now that Paul ince, the former guynor of Manchester United and internationale, is beginning to settle amid his new surroundings. What price a Liverpool-Intermee ing as the Uela Cup reaches its concluding stages? Whatever they achieve, though, history will always weigh them down. How do they equal, let alone surpass, the

> reverance on Merseyside. Seasons in Europe: 26. Seet European Cup wanes: 1976-77, 1877-78, 1980-81, 1985-84, Ueta Cup winnes: 8872-73, 1975-

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challenge BY RUSSELL KEMPSON. IN AN unprecedented move. the Football League announced yesterday that it is to challenge Uefa, the sport's European governing body, at the European Commission in Brussels. The League is un-happy that Uefa has refused to back down over its decision to withdraw the traditional Uefa Cup place for the winners of

the Coca-Cola Cup.
David Sheepshanks, the League chairman, will travei to Belgium in the next few weeks to talk to the commissioners. "I expect to have some indication from them within months rather than any longer," he said. "When we get their interpretation, we expect all parties to be bound by it.

It is regrettable we have had to do this but I feel we have a compelling case. Let no one be under any illusion as to how determined we are to see this through to a successful conclusion. The dispute stems from

Uefa's long-held view that the FA Carling Premiership should be reduced from 20 to 18 clubs, thereby reducing the Premiership season to 34 matches and creating more space in the calendar for the continued expansion of the European competitions. However, the FA Premier League, which runs the Premiership, refused to comply.

Ueta's response was bizarre. in an attempt to punish the Premier League, they took away the European qualifying slot from the Coca-Cola Cup. which is run by the Football

"It is patently wrong.". Sheepshanks said. "It cannot be right that we are penalised for something over which we have no control. "It is not only grossly unfair

but it is also an abuse of a dominant position and infringes Articles 85 and 86 of. the EC Treaty. Uefa's preoccuperion with making provi-sions for only a handful of elite

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clubs could ultimately create untold problems for domestic

The League has shied away from legal redress because Fifa, the sport's world governing body, has always discouraged such action. "We rejected the formal legal route because Fifa abhors the idea of football resorting to the courts and we respect that," Sheepshanks

What has further upset the League is that the Uefa Cup place taken from the Coca-Cola Cup has, in effect, been handed to the Premiership. This not only rubs salt in the wound but we contend that it is also discriminatory under European law," Sheepshanks if unsuccessful, Leicester

City will be the League's last representatives in the Uefa Cup via the Coca-Cola route. In the Coca-Cola Cup secondround draw yesterday. Blackpool's reward for beating Manchester City is a twolegged tie against Coventry City, from the Premiership. Barnet, of the Nationwide League third division, will meet Middlesbrough, the runners up last season.

Brighton's plans to groundshare with Millwall have been rejected by the League on police advice. The south coast club will have to continue to



Denilson, the Brazil player, demonstrates the skills that have persuaded Real Betis that he is worth a world-record fee

Betis pay £22m for Denilson

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

IN A surprising transfer, the 20-year-old Brazil attacking midfield player, Denilson, has joined Real Betis, of Seville, from São Paolo for the worldrecord transfer fee of \$35 million laimost £22 million]. That would pass the likely £18 million that Internazionale will pay Barcelona for Ronaldo, Denilson's compatrior, when his fee is finally

Surprising, because Betis are hardly a Barcelona or a Real Madrid. Indeed, in recent years, they have spent some time in the Spanish second division. Denilson has signed a ten-

year contract said to be worth \$127 million. Betis have imposed a buy-out clause of 65 billion pesetas. However, he will not complete the move for a year and will continue to play for São Paolo until after

the World Cup. "We worked very hard to get it, but now we can give all the Bens fans something to celebrate," said their president. Manuel Ruiz

Denilson is a player of outstanding talent as he proved in the recent Tournoi de France. His team manager, Mario Zagallo, says he has the best left foot of recent times in Brazilian football, and Zagallo managed those eminent leftfooters, Gerson and Rivelino, when Brazil won the World Cup in Mexico. in 1970.

Alan Sheare

£13.2m

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Ronaldo Anderson de Silva Glaniulgi Lentini

Denilson de Oliveira, to give him his full name, was first capped for Brazil last November at 19. Born at San Ber-

his feet.

Denilson has a deceptive

swerve, which is perhaps why

he has been compared with

that celebrated right-winger.

the late Garrincha. He also

has excellent technique, is not

afraid to run at defences and

passes the ball with skill. His

shot is dynamic. It has been

said that when in motion, he

always seems about to fall, yet

somehow contrives to stay on

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He is a cheeky, even a cocky, young man. In France he said: I have the No 20 because I'm twice as good as the No 10." His left foot was already insured for more than 🗓 million, and he made no bones about his ambitions. He wanted to come to Europe, he said. and he would play for the club that paid him most. He seems

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to have found it. "I'm a professional," he said, "What's the harm if I want to be rich?"

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impoverished childhood, play-

ing soccer in the street with a

At 13, São Paolo picked him

up; at 17, he was put on a \$50-

a-season contract by another

Brazilian World Cup manag-

er. Tele Santana, for his local

team, and the following year

Santana chose him for the

under-20 world tournament in

Qatar, where he excelled.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

England name Games team

ONLY two members of England's seven-man Commonwealth Games bowls team - more than a year before they are scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur - were in action in the national singles championship at Worthing yesterday

(David Rhys Jones writes).

Brett Morley, the 1995 British champion, from Nottingham, who has been chosen to play lead in the Commonham, who has been chosen to play lead in the Commonham. wealth four, was well beaten by the up-and-coming Nick Cammack, from Lincolnshire, in the second round.

Andy Thomson, who won his third-round match, will skip the four in Kuala Lumpur. ENGLAND'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM Singles: A Addock, Table 1.00.
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Jordan re-signs

BASKETBALL: Michael Jordan, the phenomenal Chicago Bulls player, has re-signed with the team for one more year. Jordan, 34, carned \$30.14 million last season and reportedly was seeking a one-year deal worth at least \$30 million. although the financial terms of the extension were not released. Jerry |Reinsdorf, the Bulls owner| and I have a special relationship which enables us to work co-operatively." Jordan said. "I am committed to Chicago and

Price scores double

BOWLS: Mary Price, of England, cased her way to two 25-12 victories, the first against Crystal Toleman, of Spain, and the second over Jo Peacock, the defending champion. from South Africa, in the rain-affected Atlantic Rim Games in Llandrindod Wells yesterday. Margaret Johnston, the former world champion, from Ireland, heat Joyce Lindores. of Scotland, and Dia Van Deun, from Holland

Nicol marches on

SQUASH: Peter Nicol, who is attempting to reach a fourth successive PSA World Tour final, duly reached the quarterfinals of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Open championship last night. Nicol, 24, the left-hander from Scotland, beat Mark Cairns, the British champion, 15-11, 15-9, 15-5 in 53 minutes to earn a match against Byron Davis, of

Woodchester win

POLO: The Guards Club's tournament for the medium-goal Duke of Wellington Trophy entered the semi-final phase at Smith's Lawn. Windsor Great Park, yesterday. Fred McKinney's Woodchester defeated Metropolitan (received

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Broncos keep Offiah

RUGBY LEAGUE: Martin Offiah, the former Great Britain wing, has recommitted himself to London Broncos after his decision not to rejoin Bedford Rugby Union Club. Offiah. who played 13 games for London until the terms of his agreement with Bedford prompted his return, will play in the Broncos' final League game at home against Bradford Bulls on Sunday.

Glapwell prepares for Cup excitement has been so often for Caton.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL By WALTER GAMMLE

THINK of the FA Cup and the mind homes in on the images known the world over: Wembley, a sea of colour and jungle of noise; a famous figure hoisting high the Cup itself, ribbons flapping

That's the way they think in Glapwell, too. So no wonder the Derbyshire village, a pinprick of Junction 29 of the M1, is agog with excitement as its football team prepares to take its place in the Cup for the first time.

"It's a dream come true,"

GOLF

Morgan set

to cash in

at Goodwood

BY MEL WEBB

ONCE upon a time John

Morgan would never have

imagined that one day he

would earn more than

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er, now he is well on his way to

becoming seriously wealthy.

Morgan has saved his best

golf for the years beyond the

age of 50. He leapt upon the

burgeoning PGA European

Seniors Tour bandwagon as

soon as he passed his half-

century, was an instant suc-

mostly in the United States.

(about £180,000).

humble preliminary round tie that means so much to the Northern Counties East

simple. "You fill in a lot of work on our floodlights."

Ellen Caton, the club chair-

man, said in assessing a The mechanics of entry are

forms, telling them what sort of ground you've got and what the facilities are like, down to the loos." Caton said. You write a cheque for £50 and send it in with the form before April L Eventually we heard we'd been accepted, although we had to give assurances that we had to do some

So it was back to the well again to find the money, as it

her husband, Roger, and the loyal band of volunteers who in 12 years have picked up a disbanded pub side. Young Vanish, and lifted it through the Sutton and Skegby League and Central Midlands League to its new found

The regular outlays are offset by rare resourcefulness. The club found an unused doctor's surgery as a clubhouse, open seven days a week to generate income, and acquired 250 seats thanks to an eagle-eyed follower passing a pile of discards at Old Trafford cricket ground on

field's Cup semi-final last

Home spun the club maybe, but the team, under the stewardship of Graham Gladwin, a former County player, and Dave Cunnington, the long time Worksop captain, has a solid look founded on Chris Taylor. an outstanding centre half.

Yet the suphoria may begin to evaporate at 3pm tomor row, for Glapwell's first FA Cup assignment is a tough one - away to Bedlington Terriers, the leading Federation Brewery Northern

RUGBY UNION

Wales select Thomas despite suspension

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH he has been suspended by Bath for three weeks, Nathan Thomas will take his place in the Wales back row against Romania tomorrow because his ban has not been imposed by a national governing body. youth, Morgan was a middle-

Thomas, 21, was sent off during Bath's Allied Dunbar Premiership first division meeting with Newcastle last Saturday for stamping on an opponent; having watched the match video. Bath officials decided to impose their own punishment of an immediate suspension and a fine for an undisclosed amount.

cess and now plies his trade However, a Welsh Rugby Union spokesman said: This Seniors golf in the United is an internal club disciplinary States occupies a high-profile, procedure which would not big-money place in the sportnecessarily have a bearing on ing scene and Morgan, in his the Rugby Football Union first year there, has already hearing that will take place to totted up more than \$290,000 deal with the matter. Any suspension that the RFU im-At Goodwood Park today

posed would be adhered to." the Lancastrian opens his The RFU disciplinary madefence of the Motor Seniors chinery, which hinges upon Classic title perfectly happy the report of the match by the that he is putting at risk a referee, Steve Lander, will not precious exemption for the US take place before next week Seniors Tour next season. He and Thomas is entitled to is 37th in the money-list there make a defence. It could and needs to finish in the top impose a 60-day suspension — 31 to ensure his card for next the statutory punishment for year, but is confident that he stamping - although Bath can achieve his goal in spite of may hope that, by taking his subbatical in Europe. prompt action, the player will Morgan faces competition be deemed to have been suffi-

at Goodwood from Tommy ciently punished. Horton, the runaway leader of There is, however, an anomthe European money-list. If aly here in that players sus-Morgan beats him, recent pended from English club history suggests that he will competitions - Thomas will probably win.

miss the start of Bath's Heineken Cup campaign against Pontypridd on September 6 as a result - by their own employer may still appear at the highest representative level.

Wales have amended their regulations for this season so that players sent off cannot play until their case is heard, within a ten-day period, by a disciplinary panel. Scotland. Ireland and France share a similar view and it is clearly imperative for there to be common ground to avoid the possibility of a player sent off for foul play being able to play on while any injury to his victim could prevent that play-

er doing so in the same match. Tony Underwood, the Newcastle wing carried off with a knee injury in the same match at Bath, may be out of action for the next month. The club's medical advisors have yet to give him a definite prognosis after a scan of the injury but he hopes to be fit when the premiership re-

sumes on October 18. Four new caps have been included in Romania's side to play Wales at Wrexham, including a new half-back pairing of Marius lacob and Serban Guranescu.

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CRICKET

Waqar holds key to Glamorgan's hopes of victory

By Alan Lee. Cricket Correspondent

LEICESTER second day of four, Leicestershire won toss): Glamorgan have scored 180 for seven wickets against Leicestershire

THIS was not, superficially, a great day for the Welsh. Glamorgan, already badly delayed by rain, suffered a steady batting decline when play did begin at Grace Road, and Steve James's phenomenal sequence of scores ended on the day when two England selectors came to watch him.

Neither Glamorgan nor their prolific opener should despair just yet. A shortened game on an untrustworthy pitch is still there to be won and James, despite his untimely failure, remains an odds-on chance to tour West Indies this

Glamorgan, who began this round of matches two points clear of Kent, are still 20 runs short of a batting point after losing wickets steadily to the Leicestershire seam attack. Before poor light ended play 18 overs early, however, Waqar Younis was laying about him to some effect and it is his bowling that could turn the match today.

No county has endured more rain this season than Leicestershire. It has cost them an effective defence of the championship but, on this occasion, the weather was regretted far more by their opponents. After a blank first day, the surrounds remained too wet for play to start before 2pm yesterday and Glamor-

Stephenson shines amid the showers

PORTSMOUTH (second day of four): Hampshire have scored 210 for five wickets

THE honours were shared between Dean Headley, the Kent and England opening bowler. John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, and Bob Wheeldon, the head groundsman of the United Services ground and his staff. It was difficult to set them out in order of merit, but certainly the hardest-worked were the ground staff. The covers were whipped on and off with great efficiency as frequent showers sent the players scuttling and play took place in five brief

Sixty-three overs were lost, but not before Headley had been responsible for Kent moving to a share of the championship lead, if only for a few heady hours. His removal of White. Keech and Smith earned Kent the two bowling points necessary to overtake Glamorgan and his ability to move the ball away from the right-handed batsman. The recipient of two official warnings for running on the pitch, he avoided the ultimate penalty meted out recently to his colleague. McCague, having opened with a lively spell of two for eight in six overs. Stephenson's undefeated 54 contained batting on a higher plane

than that of anyone. He struck the ball with clean authority, while others, understandably, laboured on a pitch continually freshened by rain. Right from the start, he got after Paul Strang, taking four fours off a couple overs from the Zim-

He dealt confidently, too, with the quicker bowlers, despite four interruptions to an innings that brought him a half-century from 81 balls and contained, in all, nine fours.

wicket when White, having batted decently for his 44, had been caught behind pushing at a classical full-length outswinger and, six balls later. Keech had departed in similar manner. This time, it was a brilliant left-handed catch, low down at second slip Ward that claimed Headley's second victim.

Smith was embattled but soldiered on. He was eventually leg-before, playing well forward, but not before Hampshire, and Stephenson in particular, had signalled their intention of making Kent light hard for every

Even without the injured Mulially, Leicestershire were not short of suitable bowlers and James Whitaker, the captain, rotated them briskly through the day. He tried the off-spin of Pierson as early as the seventh over, not without

effect, but the early breaches were made by David Millns. Hustling in with his customary hostility. Millns dismissed both members of the season's most successful opening pair in his sixth over. David Graveney, the chair-man of selectors, had been on the ground since midday but his colleague, Graham Gooch, had only just arrived to make a technical appraisal of James when he drove loosely and edged a catch to Nixon.

After a series of scores reading 162, 69, 130, 103 and 113, James will feel that this was a bad moment to miss out. The selectors, though, are unlikely to dismiss him on a single failure after a summer of seven championship centuries. His technique may not be elegant but it is triumphantly

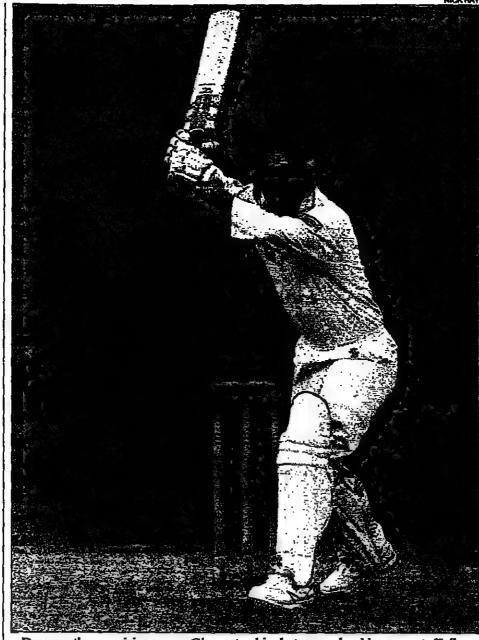
Morris lost his off stump to a good one from Millns, who eventually made way for an incisive second spell by the stocky and highly promising James Ormond. Michael Powell stayed ten overs for three but Matthew Maynard, recovered from a disclocated finger. did not linger. Both were out

to inappropriate drives.

The Leicestershire huddle, a rarer sighting this season, was now back in full session but a determined stand of 55 between Dale and Cottey showed that batting was not impossible. Once again, however, two wickers fell in quick succession, this time taken by the championship debutant. Dominic Williamson.

Bowling at medium pace. Williamson took his first wicket by straying from his disci-plined line, Cottey chasing a wide one outside off stump. Two balls later, he produced a far more deserving ball to hit Shaw's off stump and leave Glamorgan on 126 for six. Dale was leg-before to the

gentle swing of Wells, but Wagar arrived breathing fire. and Ormand was the victim. From a single Ormond over, Wagar took 16 runs, including an immense driven six over extra-cover that must rate as one of the shots of the season. His bowling today could have a significant influence.



Dawson, the promising young Gloucestershire batsman, shoulders arms to Tolley

Gloucestershire hit by double blow after elongated break

By John Thicknesse

BRISTOL (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 210 runs behind Nottinghamshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S chance of tightening their hold on third place in the championship weakened yesterday when rain interrupted a partnership between Tim Hancock and Bobby Dawson when each was playing at or near his best. When play restarted, all too briefly, both were out without adding to their score, leaving Nottinghamshire a distinct advantage in a game that looks like being difficult for either side to win.

Even though Mike Smith returned his fifth haul of five or more wickets in an innings by taking the two wickets outstanding overnight, the fact that the Nottinghamshire tailenders held out for 40 minutes inconvenienced Gloucestershire at a time when they needed to be batting. Smith trapped Evans leg-before and knocked out Oram's middle stump with inswingers to finish with six for 83.

Nottinghamshire's 294 was a competitive score on a pitch well-suited to seam bowling and on a slow outfield, and within seven overs of the Gloucestershire reply it took on extra stature. Bowen's first ball, a textbook outswinger, hit Trainor on the back leg to pin him leg-before and half an hour later he flattened Windows's middle stump. Gloucestershire could have

been in worse trouble had luck run for Bowen, Hancock scoring his first runs fine of gully while aiming at mid-off. Later, however, when Oram dropped one short and wide, Hancock pulled it fiercely to long-on, from which time be was firmly in control.

Dawson's arrival rounded off a rare spectacle in county cricket, that of two uncapped bowlers bowling to two uncapped batsmen, all of whom

bar Oram were over 25 years old. The quartet battled evenly for half an hour before Tolley replaced Oram and in five overs of wavward leftarm inswing conceded 27 runs, Dawson opening with a terrific punched straight drive before he and Hancock began scoring freely off their legs.

The extended lunch break, however, ended their promising partnership of 49. On the resumption. Hancock fell to Evans's first ball. Young began with one of the best strokes of the match, driving Evans through extra cover. but when Oram found Dawson's edge for Noon to take his second catch inside four overs. Gloucestershire were 74 for four.

In a combined 64 innings in ten matches since the beginning of June, including this one against Nottinghamshire, the top five in the Gloucestershire hatting order have passed 50 on only nine occasions, only two of which have grown to hundreds.

held up by Cassar

DERBY (second day of four): Somersel, with all first-in-

THIS season is Matthew Cassar's first as an Englandqualified player and until yesterday he has not had a happy time, having sustained an ankle injury in the nets before the start of the season.

in only his fourth in championship game, and his first for two months, the Sydney-born player has found himself. The depletion of Derbyshire's batting through the absence of Chris Adams, who has tonsilitis, and an injury to Adrian Rollins, left Cassar much to do when he came in at

drove well against Burns and Shine. When Krikken was yorked by Shine, Derbyshire were 153 for six and required a weighty contribution from DeFreitas. He obliged.

Batting in his customarily flamboyant manner, the Derbyshire captain made a halfcentury from 35 balls. Cassar had reached his first championship fifty two overs earlier with a cut off Rose.

DeFreitas's innings ended when he edged Rose to leg and was caught athletically by Turner for 58, all but six of which came in boundaries. Cassar was eighth out, caught off bat and pad, and the dismissal of Malcolm should have brought Derbyshire's in-

runner to assist Lacey in accruing a third batting point. Lacey scored his maiden fifty before he became Caddick's fourth victim. Somerset's innings was in its seventh over when the weather closed in.

VESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

county championship Derbyshire v Somerset DERBY (second day of four): Somersel, with all first-imings wickels in hand, are 299 runs behind Desbyshire

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K J Bernert to Rose
D G Cork c Trescothick to Caddick
M E Cassar c Turner b Herzberg
TK M Kritiden to Strine
P A J DeFreitas c Turner b Rose
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D E Makcom to Strine
Extra 6 to 7, w 4, nb 6)
Total 688 overal

BOWLING: Caddick 36-11-96-4: Strine 22-5-80-2: Rose 20-5-79-3: Mushthap Ahmed 11-4-23-0; Burns 8-3-36-0; Herzberg 10-9-3

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Bonus points: Derbyshire 3 Somerset 4. Umpres; R Julian and B Leadbeater, Essex v Warwickshire CHELMSFORD (second day of lous) Harwickshire, with live last-innings wickets in hand, are 42 runs behind Essex

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Such 13.1-2-42-2; Grayson 2-1-1-0
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Umpires: J D Bond and J F Steele. Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-21, 3-70, 4-74, BOWLING: Bowen 7-3-16-2; Orem 8-4-12-1; Tollay 5-1-27-0; Evens 8-1-16-1; Aster 1-0-2-4. Sonus points: Gloupestershire 4. Notinghamshire 3.

Umpires: T E Justy and D R Shaphard. Hampshire v Kent

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4-127, 5-190.

BOWLING: Headley 20-6-44-3; Phillips 17-6-43-0; Estham 18-6-41-2; Flemming 15-3-35-0; Strang 16-4-44-0; KENT: DP Fulton, ET Smith, IT R Ward, A.P. Wella, G.R. Cowdrey, M.A. Esthaff, M.V. Flaming, "TS A March, P.A. Strang, D.W. Headley, B.J. Phillips: Bonus points: Hampshire 1 Rent 2, Umpres: A Clarkson and D.J. Consamt. Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four); Lancostrae, with seven last-immings wich als in hand, are 284 runs betind Yorkshire

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4-292, 5-354, 8-388, 7-402, 8-408, 9-410.
BOWLING: Martin 25-6-83-1; Austin 23-0-10-17-2; Green 25-2-7-68-3; Yates 21-1-83-1; Watkinson 13-0-80-1; Galitan 7-0-48-1.
LANCASHIRE: First havings
JE R Galitan b Hutchson 10
NT Wood c Bialey b Hutchson 20
JP Crawley c Balley b Statep 39
NH Fartrother not out 38
G D (Loyd not out 35
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Total (3 wide, 34.1 overs) 138
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Yates, P J Marbn and R J Green to bat. FALL OF WICKETS. 1-21, 2-42, 3-84, BOWLING: Silversood 7-7-27-0; Hunchtoon 11-4-35-2; Herniton 6-1-18-0; Stemp 6-3-29-1; Vangenth 440-28-0; White 0-10-00-0; Borus points: Lancachire 4 Yorkshare 5. Limpings: N T Plants and A G T Whitehead.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-33, 3-65, 4-71,
5-128, 6-126, 7-169. 90 MLPG MRNS 10-2-29-2, Ormand 15-4-64-2; Person 5-5-23-0; Williamson 8-3-17-2; Wells 8-1-40-1.

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J F Brown not out 72
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Total (64 overs) 144 Total (44 overs) 144 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-11, 2-19, 3-25, 4-40, 5-58, 6-92, 7-94, 8-97, 9-37 BOWLING: Brown 13-5-23-1 Betts 22-7 64-9 Foster 8-1-18-0 Boking 1-0-3-0

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TK R Brown low is Haynas
J.P. Hawat o Rhodes b Lampat
A.R.C. France b Shonyar
P.C.R. Tutinell b Shonyar

Total (77 ctars) 282 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-7, 2-47, 3-77, 4-141, 5-142, 6-178, 7-181, 8-219, 9-282. T M Moody c Podley b Kalis Y P C Weston low b Heatt

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MCC Trophy final Norfolk v Shropshire LORD'S (Stropstere won loss). Nortolk beal Stropstile by 82 rune NORFOLK: 279 for 4 (C J Rogers 119 not out, C Arros 56).

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NatWest Under-19 third international England v Zimbahwe

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Challenge falls apart at the seam

By PAT GIBSON

KIDDERMINSTER (second day of four): Worcestershire. with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 162 runs behind Middlesex

IT IS always a gamble producing pitches to suit your own purposes because they sometimes suit the opposition more. Worcestershire learnt that the hard way against Middlesex yesterday.

Anything the Worcestershire bowlers could do on an uncharacteristic green, seaming surface the Middlesex attack could do better and they had reduced the hosts to 90 for four when rain set in halfway through the afternoon.

Worcestershire were always improbable championship challengers, but they were still in with a chance when they bowled Middlesex out for 252. Sheriyar, their emerging left-arm fast bowler, finishing with five for 55.

They would have been in a stronger position if it had not been for David Nash, the former England under-19 wicketkeeper. In his neat, quick-footed style Nash scored 94 on his championship debut against Durham last week and yesterday he was unbeaten on 45 as Middlesex lost their last three wickets for 35.

If Middlesex had found run scoring difficult, however, Worcestershire were soon making it seem almost impossible. Weston was leg before in Hewitt's second over, and then Hick failed to score off 19 balls before the demanding Fraser had him caught at short leg. Moody did try to exert some

authority with six fours in 32, but he was out in the first over after lunch, well caught by Pooley at second slip off Kallis. When Spiring was caught low at cover point, again by Pooley, the innings almost ground to a halt.

Gallian brought into line by umpire Plews

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 284 runs behind

THE cricket at Old Trafford yesterday was rather like the weather that robbed this Roses match of another 24.5 overs: generally gloomy with a couple of bright spots.
The sunshine was provided principally by Chris Silverwood, the nightwatchman.

who made a career-best 58. He added 79 with Darren Lehmann before Peter Martin found the Australian's inside edge and then put on 62 in brisk time with Craig White. Later. Paul Hutchison, their left-arm swing bowler, produced further evidence of his potential with a couple of wickets and Graham Lloyd raced rapidly to 35 not out to give Lancashire hope of reaching the follow-on mark of 270.

Otherwise, it was uninspir-

patch coming in the shape of Jason Gallian, the Lancashire opener, whose apparently unrequited desire for "more authority" within the club fie the captaincy) has led to speculation that he will soon be off to

Middlesex. Unfortunately, his authority at the crease has been severely undermined since Andre van Troost broke his little finger on June 4. Upon his return he had made just 84 runs in seven innings. Yesterday, that tally went up by ten but when he jammed down on a Hutchison yorker and saw the ball spinning back to knock off the bails, the frustration got the

> With an angry swish of the bat he knocked out two stumps, prompting Nigel Plews, one of the umpires, to recall him and, like the good policeman he once was, have a quiet word before asking him to move along. Gallian apologised, but disciplinary action will doubtless follow.

Warwickshire given heart by Donald

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Warwickshire, with five first-Innings wickets in hand, are 42 runs behind

ALLAN DONALD put Warwickshire in good heart for the NatWest Trophy final when he ran through Essex, their opponents at Lord's on Saturday week, at Chelmsford yesterday. Donald took five for 16 in the day - five for 50 overall - as Essex lost their seven remaining wickets for 61 and were all out for 178. Warwickshire replied with 136 for five on another day disrupted by

The fourth of Donald's wickets — Cowan, swishing optimistically, caught behind, one of five catches for Piper was his 500th in 129 first-class matches for the county. He is the nineteenth bowler to reach the landmark and was naturally delighted. "It took me ten years to get to 501," he said. "It

usual skill and intelligence. cutting his pace on a slow, damp pitch on which batting was never straightforward, though Stuart Law, for Essex, and Knight, for Warwick-shire, made it look so. Flanagan, the teenager making his debut, also showed coolness. Donald polished off the in-nings with a spell of 7.1-5-7-4.

Donald bowled with his

The gloss was taken off another authoritative innings from Law, whose 54 is the highest score of the game, by the announcement that Essex had fined him £300 for using abusive language during the NatWest Trophy semi-final against Glamorgan. On the instructions of the England and Wales Cricket Board's disciplinary committee, the club had studied video evidence of the acrimonious cuptie. Irani was also severely reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct for using an expletive as he left the field

ing stuff with the darkest Franks puts Zimbabwe on road to ruin



BY RUPERT COX

CANTERBURY (first day of four: Zimbabwe Under-19 won toss): Zimbabwe Under-19 have scored 118 for eight wickets against England Under-19

WITH the Zimbabwe Under-19 team already trailing England 1-0 in the three-match NatWest series, their chances of squaring the rubber ebbed at the St Lawrence Ground yesterday as England's seamers ran through the visitors' batting. Unable to score at three

runs an over, the tourists

were eventually frustrated in

their quest by heavy rain that

accounted for 57 overs and should ensure that England Under-19s emerge victorious. Although the Zimbabweans finished the day perilously at 118 for eight, the England seamers did not

bowl especially well. Play was initially delayed until midday, whereupon Paul Franks, the Nottinghamshire all-rounder, made use of a wicket spruced up by excess moisture to remove Neil Ferreira for a duck. Three balls later a short ball clattered between the visor and the peak of Mark Vermuelen's helmet, forcing him to retire hurt with a bruised forehead.

At the other end, Ryan

with the new ball, verified by the four wides that he sent down in his first foray. Equally wasteful, though, were Douglas Marillier and Andre Hoffman, who having mollified Zimbabwean nerves, succumbed recklessly in successive overs, setting the tone for the lower order to emuiate. Bertus Erasmus, the Zim-

Sidebottom lacked direction

babwe captain, was left to attempt to glean some respectability to the bleak scorecard by defiantly striking an undefeated 33, and in so doing exposing the frailties of a team that exceeded 500 on Northampton's featherbed, in the last international.

Somerset

BY JOHN STERN

nings wickets in hand, are 299 runs behind Derbyshire

108 for four. He responded by taking two lours off Mushtaq, and also

nings to a close. However, Rollins, hobbling dreadfully because of his fractured kneecap, emerged with a

Umpires: HTD Sird and B Dudieston:

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CRICKET

Betts turns injury into advantage

NORTHAMPTON - (second day of four): Durham, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 20 runs behind Northamptonshire

SUCCESS is the most effective cure of all. After twisting on his left ankle in the followthrough to his eighth ball of the morning it seemed that Melvyn Betts might not be fit to complete his over. Recover he did, though. Rising gingerly, he limped back to his mark and proceeded to return figures of nine for 64, the best by any bowler this season.

Durham, consequently, are well-placed to record their first away win in any competition against a county side since August 1995, when they beat Northamptonshire in the Sunday League. The same opposition is clearly in such a shambles now that foul weather is a more likely obstacle.

Northamptonshire have. been beaten in their past three championship fixtures and collapsed to 97 for nine before Mohammad Akram and Jason Brown took the score to 144. It is still their lowest in the competition this season. When Akram's attempted hook went through to Speight, the wicket-keeper, Betts had improved on the figures of eight for 17 recorded by Waqar Younis for Glamorgan against Sussex at Swansea in June to complete his personal success.

Betts has improved his career-best figures three times



Betts: twisted his ankle

would benefit from a place on the A tour to Kenya and Sri Lanka. David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, may feel similarly after watching the performance.

Northamptonshire assisted his progress with unwise shotselection but that cannot detract from the way Betts gen-erated pace and bounce. The pitch has been used for two one-day games this month and each side has selected a brace of spinners. Yet Betts estimated a good first-innings score as around the 350 mark. He bowled unchanged from

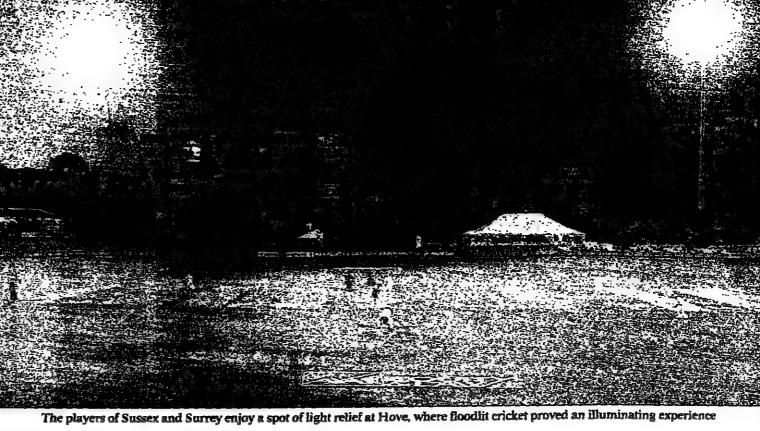
the Pavilion End for 22 overs: two of them on Wednesday and 16 before lunch yesterday. Brown claimed the first wicket, that of Alec Swann, but Betts forced Montgomerie to fence to guily in the next over and proved irresistible thereafter. Boon parried a Fordham slash to Hutton, his neighbour in the slip cordon, and a rash pull by Sales gave an easy catch to Morris at cover before

Penberthy played on.
Two wicketless overs later. Boon, whose captaincy is not subtle, suggested that Betts was weary. The bowler disagreed and proved his case with four wickets in his next three overs including that of Bailey, the forlorn captain. who edged to slip for 22.

Betts puts his improvement down to a modification in his action suggested by Geoff Arnoid, the bowling coach,

He also cited the runs of Jon Lewis, which have helped to give strength to the top order. When you have confidence in the batsmen it means you can bowl to get the opposition out rather than just contain them, Betts said.

Lewis, ironically, misread the line of a Taylor inswinger while Betts was undergoing treatment on his ankle. However, Hutton and Speight added 82 for the second wicket. They demonstrated rather more care and patience than their hosts, which does not say a lot, to confirm Betts's reading of the pitch.



Cricket pops from deckchairs to duvets

edge of sports enter-tainment, it started to get a bit nippy in the last halfhour. Somehow the suspense and cameraderie of the match experience had failed to keep us warm. In the loosely packed stands, amid the predictable whift of chips and beer, tired children ran around in face paint, while desperate drunks chanted

"Archer out". The scoreboard was badly managed, by an evidently flagging brain. Meanwhile, on the floodlit pitch, cricketers were dressed in juvenile jimjams, as if we

had wrenched them, cruelly, from warm bunks and Postman Pat duvets. Yes, the whole scene pointed to the same painful question: Oh bedtime, bedtime, where did you go? An unnatural innovation. this nocturnal "entertainment" cricket. Or so it seemed at Hove on Wednesday night

(when Sussex, incidentally, succumbed to Surrey in the Axa Life League, to nobody's surprise). Football-style mascots appeared, waving. Each batsman entered to a piece of corny pop music. Grown sportsmen dressed up as willing sleepwear models. And at the halfway stage there was a handy demonstration of how to assemble a small red vehide should the small red vehicle you were driving suddenly disassemble, without warning, into its 70 constitu-

For the occasion, Sussex had decided to style themselves "Tigers", though without any sort of by-your-leave. Sussex Tigers? Am I missing something here? You mean, like Tamil Deckchairs?

Now the big question hang-ing over night-time cricket is - why at night, anyway? And though 4,000 of us went along in stout pioneering mood, it felt curiously unnecessary, like waking up for an exciting midnight feast when you've aiready had a perfectly good dinner. Surely the pleasure of watching cricket is having the day off work and sitting in the sun in a nice hat? When you have to miss prime-time telly for it and your bottom gets cold, it's not the same. You begin to entertain scandalous thoughts such as: "A bit slow, this" and "Come on Surrey. hit big and we can all go home." Cricket isn't a game to keep you warm and that's a

But if the Axa Life League is making this gesture towards fun and larks, it's churlish not LYNNE TRUSS

to meet it halfway. So hello, mascots. Nice to see you. Are you the Surrey Lion or the Sussex Tiger, or mayhap the Middlesex Wildebeest? How about a display of lumberjacking, or police dogs? The Fleet Air Arm humping that cannon thing from one end of the arena to the other is also good for a laugh.

I have to admit the tacky records were funny on Wed-nesday night. Mark Robinson, of Sussex (brave No II and veteran of 12 successive ducks), entered to the ironic strains of My Way. Peter Moores, the skipper, chose I Believe in Miracles (his team scored an unmiraculous (5) in 37.3 overs). On the Surrey

side, Alec Stewart controversially selected that excellent ootball theme, "Cheisea, Chelsea" (causing vociferous boos from all sides), while Ben Hollioake's My Generation inspired a sharp-witted

chap in front of me to quip:

"Hope I die before I get bowled," which was clever.

None of this hoopla disguised the inevitability of the game, of course. Sussex scored their 151; Surrey re-quired just 27.3 overs to overtake them. This is not to say there weren't exciting moments. Bowled, caught, run out - it was all happening. I never thought 1'd see yellow stumps explode, but I have now. Sussex's Keith ("I got it") Greenfield positioned himself for a speciacular catch and dropped it. presumably blinded by a floodlight A few minutes later, however, he caught the same ball magnifi-

But if the progress of the match was inevitable, so was the deterioration of the crowd behaviour, which grew (in one sector) more raucous and footbally as the home team's chances spluttered and died. Perhaps these yobs just fell asleep and dreamt longingly

been uncharitable.

cently, which was brilliant, especially as the crowd had

of the old Goldstone Ground, poor things. "Sea-gu-ulls!" they yelled on awakening. irrelevantly. A lot of this behaviour is reflex, you know;

they have no control over it. Thinking they were at the Goldstone, they started Mexican waves. They demanded to know who'd caten all the pies. "Paul Jarvis I love you!" was a rather sweet and original catcall, I thought, until it was followed up by a rather shock-ing request for an unmention-able personal service.

s this the future of cricket? What a sobering thought. Presumably, the real criterion is not how many Brightonians (or Brummies) are prepared to sit in the dark with a plate of chips missing EastEnders, but how many viewers are prepared to watch it on the box and get caught up in a tournament between men in jimjams. All things must pass, I suppose. But among the many justifiable feelings of nostalgic regret is the realisation that, in the drama of the future, the sound of broadcast cricket in the background will no longer be aural shorthand for "summer

☐ John Bryant is away

Sussex suffer for late night

By Ivo Tennant

HOVE (first day of for Sussex won toss): Sussex ha scored 102 for seven wick

AFTER their marked succe under the floodlights on We nesday - in pecuniary, if r cricketing terms - Suss batted, alas, like the honor placed county they are. Th 23 to Chris Lewis and Mari Bicknell, making a recovery sorts to reach 102 for seven a rain-affected day. If Sha Warne does decide to capta

The late finish on Wedne day evening would not ha helped, of course. Play end hours earlier than in t floodlit match at Edgbast last month, but this was still time at which many a cricker would reckon to be in a state drowsiness. Sussex made profit of around £15,000 on t evening, three times what th would make, at best, on Sunday aftermoon.

The start yesterday was p back to noon. A total of overs were to have be bowled. For many spectato keeping abreast of which con perition is starting at whatime, and indeed when it is finish, is becoming increasir ly taxing. On this occasion, t weather was such that only

overs were possible. Lewis and Bicknell gained fair amount of movement, b Sussex simply did not bat we Both openers went for duck Rao caught at gully and Peir leg-before, pushing forwar bowled by balls that car back into them. Newell we to one that cut ba marginally.

Carpenter, a 21-year-t from Merseyside who h played football for Runcorn the Vauxhall Conferen came to the wicket on his fir class debut with the score for four. He managed before Salisbury bowled h with one that turned. By I time Edwards was out, Suswere no doubt hoping some intervention from weather. This morning. make up for the time lost having a late start, play v begin at 10.30.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philodelphia 7 San Diago 8 (12hms); Patisburgh 5 Los Angeles 9; New York Mills: 15 San Francisco 8; Chicago Cude 3 Fioritia 4; Colorado 7 Cinchmati 5; Atlanta 4 Houston 6 (12hms); St Louis 4 Montrea 3. A

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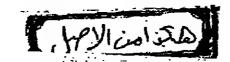
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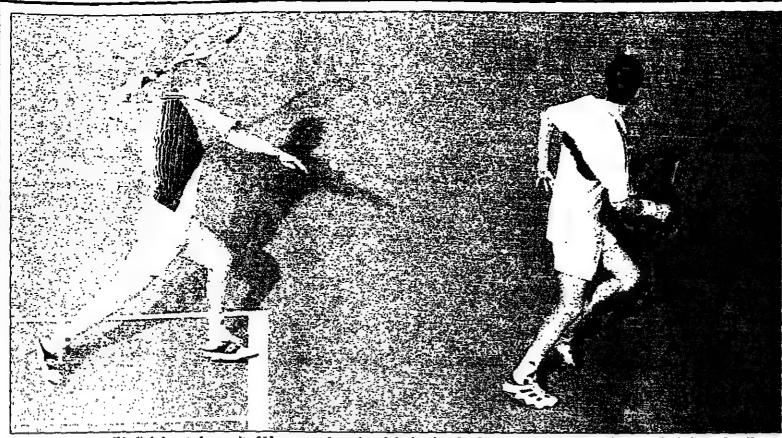
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Muster sets off in lighthearted pursuit of Henman, who enjoyed the last laugh with a US Open victory. Photograph: Ralf Stockhoff

Henman broadens his appeal

enmania may never reach the pitch here whereby the result of one of his matches is announced in a court of law, as happened during Wimbledon in July, but the United States termis public has warmed to Tim Henman after his first-round victory over Thomas Muster in the US Open on Wednesday

Beating the No5 seed was one reason - doing so with panache and humour earned Henman a glowing report on CBS Televison. In its evening highlights package, the pre-senter invited viewers to sit back and enjoy "Tim Henman's theatrical tennis masterpiece".

Henman, with a combination of driven winners and dextrous touch. recorded a victory no less impressive than those he had achieved over Richard Krajicek, the defending champion, at Wimbledon this year and over Yevgeni Kafelnikov, the Russian No 5 seed he put out in the first round at the All England Club

When Henman completed his victory over Krajicek to reach the quarter-finals, having led by two sets to one overnight, the judge in a man-slaughter trial at Exeter Crown Court informed the jury: "So that you can all concentrate, I must tell you that Mr Henman has won," Henman's role as entertainer here was perceived as more Agassi than Sampras: skill interwoven with humour.

For all the intensity of a rapier there was one moment of fun. With Muster leading 3-2, and the points at 15-15. Herrman produced a stop volley beyond the reach of his opponent. Muster ran around the net post and chased

FROM DAVID POWELL

IN NEW YORK

THE focus of attention sur-

rounding Anna Kournikova

has been no less clamorous

here than it was at Wimbledon

where the Russian, who had

just turned to, responded to a

barrage of wolf whistles with:

"You couldn't afford me boys."

The hysteria at the United

States Open will not last the

fortnight, though, as it did at

David Powell finds the United States tennis public warming to a playful British winner

Henman down the court in mock rage. Henman disappeared down the tunnel where, briefly, he remained out of view. Then he popped his head around the corner, mischievously, to see if the coast was clear.

The moment, which drew prolonged applause from spectators in the Arthur Ashe Stadium, was played night and morning in CBS sports bulletins. Muster joined in the chorus of approval, though more for the quality of the Briton's play than his play-acting. "He is a good spirit and good for the game," Muster said.

"Tim has a very stylish game and,



Muster attempts an unorthodox return on the way to defeat

was eliminated in the second

round, beaten 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 by

Irina Spiriea, from Romania.

in the three days before her

first match, Kournikova had

not been out of the headlines.

Mirjana Lucic, the youngest

First it was for saying that

especially on indoor surfaces or on grass, I think that is where he has great ability. Looking at his age, I think he is one of the few young guys who has potential to be in the top ten for quite a while."

In Muster, Henman defeated the 1995 French Open champion and a former world No I. While his recent form has been indifferent, Henman is proving himself a man for the big occasion. The result does not really surprise me at all." he said.

Asked how this victory compared with other upsets he has registered, Henman said: "Who cares? It is a



Henman goes into hiding before emerging to win in four sets

good win. Whether my best win is beating Kafelnikov, Krajicek or Muster ... they are all good wins and in the biggest tournaments. That is satisfying." One month ago Henman was

beaten in straight sets by Sebastien Leblanc, who was 867 places beneath him in the rankings, in the first round of the Canadian Open. Describing that as his "worst performance as a professional", he went to Cincinnati and lost in the opening round. However, his form picked up in New Haven two weeks ago, when he won two matches before going out in the quarter-finals to Kafelnikov.

enman said his metamor phosis could be explained by hard work. "My performance in practice set up the performances in last week's matches in New Haven and the match today," be

Wayne Ferreira, from South Africa, is Henman's second-round opponent. Ranked in the top ten in 1995 and 1996, Ferreira has fallen to No 55 after twisting an ankle in practice at the French championships in Paris. They have met twice, with honours even. His present ranking is not where he belongs and he is going to be very anxious to get back up to the top of the game." Henman said.

That said. Henman, the world No 21, does not have to meet a player ranked higher than himself until the quarter-finals. Provided that he does come the victim of an upact, he is likely to face either Kafelnikov or Agassi in the last eight. By then, he might be thinking of postponing birthday celebrations: Henman is 23 on semi-finals day.

TELEVISION CHOICE

In the steps of a master

Summerdance: Harmonica Breakdown BBC2, 7.15pm

The last of what has been an immensely successful series commissioned from independent dance companies worldwide. The vivacious American Jane Dudley, who in the 1920s studied under Martha Graham, choreographed Harmonica Breakdown for herself in 1938, in this programme a young black dancer, Sheron Wray, takes the solo, a young black dancer. Sheron Wray, takes the solo, and Dudley, now aged 85, is seen coaching her. Set to the haunting "washboard" blues of the harmonica player Sonny Terry, the movements reflect a kind of feminist coming of age—as indicated by one woman's refusal to be broken by an finvisible slave-driver. Even if you are not a dance enthusiast you should tune in to hear the extraordinary Ms Dudley recall the Depression years (which Harmonica Breakdown also reflects) and the crowd she moved with: "Woody Guthrie, Aaron Copland, Clifford Odets... we left we could change society. And we did."

The Bill ITV, 8.00pm

As a forcing ground for television writers this series has no equal. Formulaic only within the confines set by its local and by the rules which viewers assume (correctly) apply to a London police station, it consistently spreads sparklers across the network. This Land is Ours by Brian Farnham rounds off a week of above average plot lines. It's street demo time as WPC Keane (Andrea Mason) and PC Loxton (Tom Butcher) drive past a sile where locals are protesting against a planned private housing development. Fine — but why has an old lady (Hazel Douglas) been assaulted there? And why does Chief Super Brownlow (Peter Ellis) allow himself to get personally involved? When word gets out that a private security firm with a notoriously tough reputation is being booked to quell a future, bigger demo, the plot twists (as it usually does) into something rather sinister . . .

Vers in Practice BBC1, 8.30pm

BBC Proms 97

Radio 3, 7_30pm

Episode two, and what is now becoming obvious to the young graduates of Vets' School — Trude, Joe, Emma and Julie, our friends in the West — is that

Chris Tarrant airs his hit list (BBC2. 10pm)

getting on with owners is just as important as getting on with their pets. What is obvious to the viewer is the humbling bond shown again and again between man and beast—does and their tearful owners of course, but also tonight, squawking parrots with their gentle friend, a retired hairdresser, and a runaway cwe with her ungainly farmer. Trude's confidence is holstered retired hairdresser, and a runaway ewe with ner ungainly farmer. Trude's confidence is bolstered when Jess the boxer pulls through her mystery illness, Joe has just recovered from his onslaught by a parrot when he has to cope with a hugely consupated dog and what made it that way, and Emma, out on Exmoor, experiences "culture shock" over the results of a stag hunt...

BBC2, 10.00pm

What is perhaps most interesting about the pairing of "award-winning breakfast show host" Chris Tarrant and the series' own host. Nick Hancock, is the very visible clash of egos. Hancock really must stop hogging the conversation and give his guests more chance to shine. Some of them can be quite as witty as he is and this edition (almost) proves it. Anyway, Tarrant does a fair bit of shifting and scowling as his gruesome per hates are hurled into the fiery furnace. They include white-faced clowns, Mystic Meg and opera (exit a blow-up of Pavarotti, which jams the chute). Tarrant gets a chance to slam his host's face with a custard pie, only then does he look really happy.

Elizabeth Cowley

RADIO CHOICE

Libel Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Some of the more fascinating, and certainly entertaining, events in political history are isolated and this programme, a dramatisation of real events, recalls one of them. The focus was the 23rd You will need to have missed several acres of print not to know that both John Dankworth and Cleo not to know that both John Dankworth and Cleo Laine are celebrating their 70th birthdays. Tonight the most celebrated couple in jazz star at the Proms. Dankworth conducting there for the first time. Both the Dankworth Sextet and the BBC Big Band are also making their Proms debuts, but the nerves will not jangle for more than a moment: if ever an audience was in sympathy with the sort of atmosphere jazz requires, this one is it. Dankworth has written a new work for the Big Band which will be premiered tonight and Laine will sing songs from a body of work that stretches back to the 1950s. The Dankworths are interviewed in the interval feature at 8.15pm. national congress of the Italian Socialist party. Three heavyweight British socialists attended.

Ancurin Bevan, Morgan Phillips and Richard Crossman. Subsequently an article appeared in The Spectator, of no particular note, except that it questioned the sobriety of the British trio. The three sued. This dramatisation, by Matthew Solon, is introduced by the libel lawyer Manuel Barca. Among other things it demonstrates how a claim that hardly anyone would have noticed can soon become the talk of an entire nation. Peter Barnard come the talk of an entire nation. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 2

6.00mm Streth Kennedy 7.30 Weke Up To Wogen 9.39 Ken Bruce 11.38 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 5.00 Alex Lister 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Friday Night is Wusic Night 3.39 The Essappool Hummadons: Use coverage of the switching on coveragry performed by Michael Bell 9.30 Lister to the Bend 10.00 Sheriden Morley 12.05mm Sue McGerry

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TALK RADIO 5.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Rose 9.60 Scott Chistofin 12.00 Larreine Kelly 2.00per Territry Boyd 4.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Anna Raebum 10.60 Jemes Whele 1.00km Maio Cicrin

CLASSIC FM

3.00ms Mark Griffiths 6.00 Nick Balley 9.00 Hall of Fame 1.00pm Lunchtime Requests 2.00 Concerto 3.00 Jamie Cinck ~ 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Sonata 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 ~ Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (f)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00em Russ 'n' Jono's Bresidast Experience 10.00 Graham.

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(FM) / Nick Abbot (AM) 10.00 Alan Fraeman 12.00 Mark
Forrest 2.00em Richard Porter

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the number of tournaments Kournikova, who reached which players of a certain age the Wimbledon semi-finals. are permitted to play. Then it

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Wimbledon.

SIMOLEON

(c) A dollar. Origin obscure. Perhaps modelled on the napoleon. "By the late Twenties the golden simoleons began rolling in." (b) A representation of the lombs of Hasan and Husain (grandsons of Muhammad) carried in the Moharram procession. An

adaptation of the Arabic 10'71va. consolation, mourning. (c) A coral tree. Enythring sandwicensis, of the family Legus native of Hawaii and Tahiti and bearing clusters of orange flowers.

The Hawaiian name. STEPIN FETCHIT

(a) A type of shuffling, obsequious, Black servant. Hence, any servile Black man, an Uncle Tom. An eponym from the stage name of Lincoln Theodore Perry (born 1902), a popular Black vaudeville actor noted for playing a series of fawning characters in Hollywood

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was a warning from the district attorney's office to her boyfriend, Sergei Fedorov, the Detroit Wings ice hockey player, that anybody over the age of 21 - Fedorov is 26 - having intimate relations with a partner under 17 - faced ten years' imprisonment.

Spirlea sets clamour over Kournikova to rest

player in the field, at 15, should not have been allocated This time, however, the fuss surrounding Kournikova backfired on her. Spirlea was a wild card. It was, she said, "unfair to me and all the other players," because it went inspired. "I just wanted to shut against the rules governing up mouths because they just think so much of her." Spirles added.

"I am not saying she is not

good but it is frustrating because sometimes you are seeded and you are not playing on the stadium court. She is unseeded and gets everything." The third day upset in the

women's singles was the elimination of Iva Majoli, the No 4 seed, from Croatia. Majoli won the French Open in Paris in June, aged 19, and it may be trywoman, that the pressure intensifies after winning a grand slam title for the first

ened her frustration. "When you have won a grand slam, everybody wants to beat you," Venus Williams's Wimble-

don experience was not dissimilar to Kournikova's here. Williams arrived in a blaze of publicity only to lose in the first round. She reached the third round here with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Leon Garcia, from Spain.

Majoli was beaten by

Kournikova in the quarter-

finals at Wimbledon and her

early departure here height-

(Pot) and K Studentkova (Slovatva) 6-1, 7-5; 5. Jugasselan and R Smingson (Carl) bit C Flubri (US) and B Schuftz-McCarthy (Holi) 6-1, 7-5; L Neiland (Lat) and H Subova (Ca) bit E Calteria (Bet) and G Halpeson-Neilsen (US) 6-3, 7-5; N Mechadeva and E Tater-lova (July bit C Samone and G Plozichim (R)

RESULTS FROM THE US OPEN

Men

SINGLES: Pirst round: W Femina (SA) bt A
Berssategu (Sp) 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 8-3; S
Bruguera (Sp) to M Teotout (Aus) 3-6, 4-6
6-3, 6-2, 6-2, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J A
Marti (Sp) 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 5-1 Nt. apeniti (Sc)
to A Pavel (Rom) 6-4, 5-0 ret, M Nomen
(Seo) bt N Kucara (Scoratou) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2,
6-3, P Hantrus (Holl) to G Benco (Sp) 7-6,
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6-3, P Hantrus (Holl) to G Genco (Sp) 7-6,
6-7, 6-7, 6-7, 6-7, P Halter (Aus) bt A
Mechadeux (Lustra) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1,
6-7, 6-3, 5-2 C Rusol (Non) br M Gölher
(Gen) 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, T Herman (GB)
bt T Muster (Aus) and 17-0, 1-6, 6-4 C
Poline (Fr) bt P Wessels (Holl 6-4, 6-2, 6-2,
6-2, 6-1, Second round M P Philopousos
(Aus) bt J Golmand (Fr) 7-6, 6-2, full ret
DOUBLES: First round 1 Y Katenitos
(Russ) and D Vacel, (G2) bt O Oriz (Med
and A Sa (Br) 6-3, 6-2, P Albano (Ang) and A
Correga (So) bt B Coupe (US) and N
Djordjenc (Maccolomi 7-5, 6-4 M Seil and
D Will (US) bt S Schalker, and J Semennin
(Holl) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, G Rabus (Fr), and J
Tarango (Su) bt C Band and F Messen (Fr)
7-6, 6-4 G Nanseaux (Cro) and C Sul-(Cz)
bt R Leach and J Sank (US) 6-4, 7-5, H J
Cavids (Holl) and P Plearnus (Holl) bt B

Black (Zm) and B Steven (NZ) 7-6, 7-6; L Lobo (Arg) and J Sánchez (Sp) bt S Groen (HoS) and D Princel (Ser) bt S Groen (HoS) and D Princel (Ser) 46, 7-6, 7-6; J Gmeistob and C Woodruff (US) bt M Ons-rusics and G Stationd (SA) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4, P Nyborg (Swe) and S Sergssen (Am) bt L and M Jensen (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

in c. Cemens picel amo of reagesoft-Nestern (US) 6-3, 7-5; N Mechandeve, and E Tatter-kova (Ufir) bt I. Garrons and G Pizzichim (It) 6-4, 6-4; C Mertiner (So) and P Terabimi (Arej bt C Merons and J Scott (US) 6-2, 6-3; K Adams (US) and K Boogert (Holl) bt M Seeki and Y Yoshode (Japan) 6-2, 7-5; A Fusai and N Tazziat (Fr) bt D Buth and S Nicidata (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 Sung-hee Park (IS) kor) and T Tantsaugarn (That) bt C Barciary (Aus) and C Wood (GB) 7-6, 6-4, £ Devemport (US) and J Novotine (Co) bt Z Garrisor-Jackson and L Methell (US) 6-2, 6-3, C Castea (Form) and M Gozphowska (Po) bt K Freye (Ger) and N van Lottum (Fr) 6-2, 6-4. A Frazzer and K Po (US) bt E Mericharova and H Wildows (Co) 6-0, 6-3, Y Bassuk (Indo) and C Vis (Holl) bt A Cartsson (Swe) and P Hy-Boulais (Can) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. Notions (Swe) and S Sargissen (Arm) bit L
and M Jensen (US) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

Women

SinGLES: Second round: J Kruger (SA) bit
H Nagyrora (Storaka) 6-4, 7-6, M Maleeves
(But) bit L Raymond (US) 3-6, 8-2, 8-4, N
Zvereva (Bets) bit N Savarnetsu (Japan)
6-2, 9-5, 8-7 A Huber (Car) bit J Lee (US)
6-2, 6-1, 1, Osterich (US) bit C Moranu (US)
6-7, 6-1, 3-0 ret; E Wagner (Ger) bit P HyBoulas: (Car) 6-3, 0-6, 7-6, 5 Testud (Fr) bit
Vaolo (Cro) 6-4, 2-6, 1: V Wilsman (US)
6-7, 6-1, 3-0 ret; E Wagner (Ger) bit P HyBoulas: (Car) 6-3, 0-6, 7-6, 5 Testud (Fr) bit
Vaolo (Cro) 6-4, 2-6, 1: V Wilsman (US)
6-7, 6-1, N Pierce (Fr) bit S Farine (It) 6-2, 3-0 ret,
A Ceater (SA) bit A Cectairum Ballerei (Fr)
6-1, 6-1, M Seles: (US) bit S Farine (It) 6-2, 3-0 ret,
A Ceater (SA) bit A Cectairum Ballerei (Fr)
6-1, 6-1, M Seles: (US) bit P Largitine (Car) 7-5,
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ard D Grategri (US) bit P Largitine (Ca)
ard A Contextor (Sovalda) (6-1, 6-1, F Labout
Cro) 6-3, 4-6, 3-6

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4-1 ret; Ecclerei (Bel) and L Pinne (Bel)
ard A Othorship (Russ) bit I Losterion
and H Wilson (Car) 2-7-6; H Subona
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4-1 ret; Ecclerei (Bel) and P Novel (SA)
ard D Grategri (US) 6-2, 6-3, 6-1

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and D Subres (So) and P Subrez (Arg) bit A Olsza

6.00am On Alr, with Penny Gore. Includes Egar (Wand of Youth Suite No 2); Enescu (Romaniam Phapsody No 1); Handel (Comus); Rechmaninov, an Sanderling (Vocalese, Op 34 No 14); Benjamin Godard (Two Pieces, Op 61) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catrione Young. Includes Bach (Oboe Concerto in D minor, BW/1059); Sheltus (Lemminicamen's Return, Legende); Shestakovich (Violin Concerto No 1) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Christoper Columbus); Monteverdi (O ciechl, Ciechl); Shostakovich (Piano Quintet Op 57); Monteverdi (Questi Vaghi Concerti); Mozart (Clarinet Concert in 8 flat, K822); Shavinsky (Symphony of Psalms) 12.00 Promas Composer of the Weelc Mendelssofus 1.00pm Newrs; From Handel to Gershwith, Nicola Heywood Thomas introduces a recital given by Rebecca Evans, soprano, Neel Davies, bantone, and Carlo Rizzi, piano (f) 2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear Wednesday's concert featuring Lette Josefowicz, violin, Leigzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, conductor Neville Maminer. Henze (Sonate for Shings No 2); Mendelssofun (Violin Concerto in E minor); Schubert (Symphony No 9 In C, Great) 3.55 Mining the Archives. Sir John Drummond falses a last look into the excluses of the Edinburgh International Festival with a recital given by the pianist Krystian Zimerman in 1990, Brahms (Plano Sonata No 2 in F sharp misor, Op 2); Chopin (Plano Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 56) 5.00 Nausic Machines, with Tommy Pearson (f) 8.15 in Tuse, with Andrew Green. Includes Sigar (The Swimmer, Sea Pictures); Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter); Besthoven (Variations on Ber Mérmann,

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.39 Today. Includes Thought for the Day 8.45 Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis, Reed by Ian Richardson (5/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert tatend Disca. Sue Lawley's guest is the writer Ian Benks (r) 9.45 Feedback. Chits Dunkley eits listeners' opinions on RRC programmes

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10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.30 Wossan's Hour, with Diana Macili.
11.30 The Natural History Programmes. Presented by Joanna Pinack
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and council efforts with Mark Whittatur
12.25pm Darak Cooper's Necessary Pleasanes. The first of six programmes calebrates pasts. Derek Cooper visits Bologna to see how pasts has become a way of life (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
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dramatisation of the story by Thomas Herdy.
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3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.65 Kaleidosoppe. Tim Merlow reports on
a prize for new play-writing at the Edinburgh
Festival Frange
4.45 Short Story; On the Fringe — Cameron
Spooner's Ultimate Drapery, by Jain Grant.
Read by Michael Mackande
5.00 PM, with Clare English and Cherie Lee-Potter
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

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7.30 BBC Prome 97. See Choice. Clea Laine,
members of the Darkworth Sextert, BBC Big Band
and Concert Orchestra, conductor John
Dankworth, Gerstwin (Overune; Strike: Up the
Band: Belleville Blue); Dankworth (Shakespean
Songs; Willow Weep for Me; Fine and Mellow;
Suite: What the Dickens, excepts); Dake Ellington
(Carevan) 8.15 Laine and Dankworth. The jazz
mustclans look back over more than 30 years of (Caravari) 8.15 Laine and Derikworth. The jazz musicians look back over more than 30 years of professional and private partnership 8.35 Concart, part 2. Dankworth (New Work; Zodiac Variations, excerpts); Gerstwin (St Louis Blues; Biding my Time; Fascinating Rhythm; "I've Got a Crush On You); Duke Ellington (I'm Beginning to See the Light; I Let a Song Go Out of my Heart; Solitude; Don't Get Around Much Any More; Squeeze Me; Sophisticated Lady)

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10.00 Hear and Now. Serah Walker presents a 60th-birthday tribute to David Bedford. Includes the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Jacques van Shen. With the Crouch-End Festival Chorus. Bedford (Alietuia Timpanis, Symphony No 1; Twelve Hours of Sunset). The BBC Singers under Simon Joty Bedford (The Golden Wine is Drunk; Of Stars, Dreems and Cymbals)

11.30 Promis Composer of the Weelc Britten (r)

12.30em Hard Bop, Soft Focus. Alyn Shipton continues his history of the Blue Note record Isbail (5/6) (r)

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1.90 Transigh the Night, with David Cornet, Includes 1.00 Vivald (Citione in Vita). With Jean Nirrouet, countertenor, Patrizle Pace, soprano, Arna Meria Farrante, soprano, Aris Christofellis, treble, Luigi Petroni, lenor, Ensemble Selcentonovenecento, under Flavio Colluso

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8-30 Going Places. The novelist Edward Rutherford visits St Paul's Cathedral which this year celebrates its 300th anniversary

7.00 Naws 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Wesk. Nick Baker presents his selection of the best of BBC radio and television from the past seven days

8.05 Hype or Hypothesis. Are vast, expensive scientific projects a colossal waste of money? Jez Nelson cheks a debate

8.50 Lost Childhoods. In the last of a series about people who lost out on a normal chilhood. Sara Parter talks to so-cafed "gifted" children (r)

9.15 Letter from America (r)

9.30 Kateldoscope Feature. You Win Some, You Lose Some. Paul Allen talks to the theatrical showman and fixer, Bill Kenwright (r) 9.59 Westher

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showmen and fixer, Bill Kenwright (r) 9.59
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19.00 The World Tonight. A roundup of the day's news
with Jareny Harris

10.45 Book at Bedtimer. Mildeight's Children, by
Saknan Rushdie. Rend by Roshan Seth (15/15)

11.00 Meanmon. The last in the series of the media
satire, With Jonathan Aris, Matthew Bell, Jonathan
Coy and Julian Dutton (r)

11.25 Tee Junction, with Patrick Hanner and his
cuests

guests
11.45 Me and Prison. Her father's experiences as a

11.45 Me and Prison. Her father's experiences as a conscientious objector have made Daphne Glazer isschated with prison life (r)

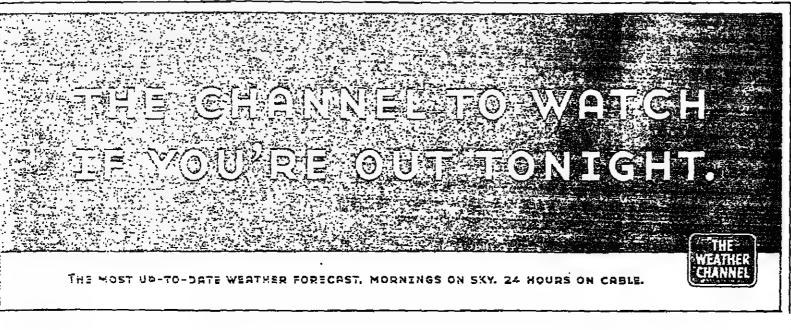
12.00 News includes 12.28em approx. Weather 12.39em Late Book: The Woman and the Ape, by Peter Hoeg, Read by Helen Schlesinger (5/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)

1.00 As World Service

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Gaieté Parisienne, à la mode d'EastEnders the help of the BBC trailer department, an establishdepartment, an establishment which can be depressingly relied on to give away the plot to just about anything. But sometimes a line or a event comes along that actually improves with each. repetition, where the amicipation

is an integral part of the eventual

pleasure. Last night the pleasure

could be postponed no longer. She said it, Kathy actually said it. "Sometimes, Grant," she croaked, "I think I married the wrong brother." Oh joy, oh rap-ture. Grant Mitchell, whose piercing eyes have now gazed into the eyes of almost as many Walford women as David Wicks's, did what he is best at more gazing. Their heads were close and ... yet not close enough. This was one moment — delicious as it was that was going to pass. Only a few months ago in

EastEnders (BBCI), there would

would have been a case of wham, bam, thank you Kath: another notch on the Mitchell bedpost, another ludicrous entanglement to complicate the already labyrinthine history of Albert Square. But EastEnders has changed.

As well as a whole raft of promising new characters, it has had a run of top-class scripts. which Christopher Reason's fiveparter has continued this week. But most importantly of all, it seems to have rediscovered its judgment. Where once it went for the cheap, headline hitting option at every plot twist, a modicum of restraint has been introduced. The result is that EastEnders is more credible than it has been for ages and loss more enjoyable.

The acting too appears to have had a kick up the collective backside. There's nobody going through the motions or playing it for laughs. In the past, the idea of

half the cast decamping to Paris for three days would have been an excuse for very little acting and library shots of the Eiffel Tower. But this week we've hardly seen Paris, there's been so much drama going on. Kathy deserted, Bianca pregnant, Tiffany - bless her pretending to be Marie Antoinene.

illian Taylforth was on top form as Kauny Cannerms — as only Kathy can - with the existence of Lorna and the subsequent disappearance of Phil. She demolished the mini-bar. flirted with the more than willing Emile and finally had her close encounter with Grant. They may yet get together, which, as Kathy put it, would definitely be one for the scrapbook", but last night was about the painful gap between what-might-have-been and what actually is. I just caught a glimpse of myself. Grant and I thought: you sad old tart'." Do you think

8.00am GMTV /7114455)

10.20 News (T) (6481523)

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12.30 ITN News (T) (1582184)

12.55 Our House (1) (1587875)

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3.20 News (1) (2981271)

9.55 Judge Judy (1) (369687\$)

10.25 Regional News (T) (6480994)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw in) (1) (5735349)

10.30 Double, Double, Toil and Trouble
1993) May-Kate and Ashley Olsen play
twins who discover their Aunt Agatha is
an evil which. Directed by Stuart Margolin

12.20pm Regional News (T) (4001097)

1.25 Home and Away (1) (14505436)

3.25 Regional News (T) (2980542)

5.10 A Country Practice (3038542)

5.35 Regional News (T) (320078)

5.40 FTN News (1) (170707)

6.25 HTV Weather (632418)

8.30 The West Tonight (900)

1.50 Guy Hanks Mystery Movie (1994)

Thriler with Bill Cosby, James Naughton and Alice Playten A New York policeman is shot on the same day as he wins the

3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (1162405) 3.40 Paddington Beat (5066675) 3.50 Zzzapi

6.00 Home and Away The police face a race

to reach baby Paul (r) (T) (688504)

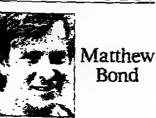
7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (T) (6148)

Summer Specials 1997 (r) (6188287) 4.00 Lotte (T) (2954417) 4.15 The Res

Ghostbusters (T)(1737392) 4,40 You'll Never Believe It (T) (2996368)

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Marie Antoinette had moments

Elsewhere the crucial question about The Air Show (BBC2) and Feast (Channel 4) was: which was the more annoying? It was a closerun thing, but I think The Air Show just squeezed it for the extraordinary lack of taste in having Hazel Irvine wax all bubbly and excited about "the most powerful naval weapons system in

about killing people: lovely. In fact, it turned out to be the sort of show I thought had gone out with Raymond Baxter; astonishingly old-fashioned and seemingly made without a moment's consideration having been given as to whether such glowing endorsements of the likes of Lock-

heed. Martin and Boeing were

really appropriate. I think they're

probably big enough to pay for

them themselves, don't you? Similarly, little thought seemed to have gone into the presentation. Half the programme was conducted through the macho static of aircraft intercoms, a deeply unonginal idea that a certain lager advertisement ought to have banished for ever, while the other half consisted of Irvine reciting dull facts about jumbo jets Cost, range, capacity, fuel economy - she knew it all. "And to put that in perspec-

rive ... "To put that in perspective.

Hazel: can you tell me where the vision chef with a recipe that emergency exit is?

Things were only a little better on Feast, a programme which ostentatiously set out to be a different sort of food programme and, for the main part, failed. It was presented by Noir, the sort of double act you hear on Ned Sherrin's Loose Ends, the sort of double act that Tres and Simon have been sending up on children's television for the past ten years. Noir looked old enough to know that, so presumably some sort of irony was intended. But, as my wise mother often says, ford and irony do not go together. Or is it ironing?

In between an over-long musical gastronomic tour of Barcelona and what appeared to be French and Saunders conducting a wine tasting in a hypermarket car park. Jeremy Lee launched a promising, if rather camp, career as a telebravely began: First marinade your rabbit for two days." As for Jean-Christophe Novelli - shot here in ironic soft-focus, Novelli being quite handsome enough his Sainsbury-style instructions went on for so long 1'd quite forgotten that it was liramist we were making in the first place. Mind you, when did you last set a tiramist with sails?

Finally, the most interesting factual programme of the evening was Films of Fire: For the Sake of the Children (Channel 4), which argued that collective paranola about child sex abuse was threatening the civil liberties of artists and, more importantly, parents, to take pictures of their children naked. You may not have agreed with a single word that Nicky Akehurst, a photographer's agent. said, but at least she had made us think, and for that we must always be grateful.

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5.00am Business Breakfast (28417) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (23875) 9.06 Breakfast News Extra (1) (5753320) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (T) (5734610) 9.50 Esther: Shall We Dance? (6837097)... 10.20 Put it to the Test (5604368)

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8,05 Star Trek (r) (T) (851287) 5.55 Bullying: A Survival Guide (1) (457981) 7.05 Building Sights (T) (899558)

Summer Dance: Harmonica Broakdown Dance leacher Jane Dudley discusses a ground-breaking solo (614349)

7.20 Top Gear Motorsport New series of reports from the world of motoring (1)



8.00 Wild Harvest with Nick Name The local produce of File comes under scrutiny in the lest programme of the series (8368) 8.30 Gerdeners' World Alan Titchmarsh visits - à larry driver with pession for bedding plents (1) (7875)

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11,55 Closet Land (1991) Psychological drama sterring Madeleine Stowe and Alan Rickman. Directed by Radha Bharadwaj (243417) 1.25 am Venetian Bird (1953, b/w) Crime mystery steming Richard Todd and Eva Bartok, Directed by Ratiph Thomas (856905) Ends at 3.00

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is confident she can persuade Gary (lan viercer) to go along with her plans (1)

ian Mercer and Gaynor Kaye (7.30pm)

8.00 Brownlow and Cryer try to keep the peace on a development sits (T) 8.30 Surprise! Surprise! Guests include EastEnder Paul Nicholls, Dublin boy-band OTT (T) (99184)

9.30 Terrant's 10 Years on TV (3/4) (r) (T) (97829) 10.00 News at Ton (1) (78252) 10.40 Late and Live Chat show (6913542) 12.10am Short Story Cinema (8779092)

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6.00 The Avengers Steed and Tara investigate a grave/ard where people are disappearing (i) (Ti /49981)

6.55 Fresh Pop (727252) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (£04287)

7.55 The Comedy Slot The comedian Tommy Tiernan recalls his first kiss (847875)

8.00 Garden Party Tom Barber and Sue Phillips join garden photographer Andrew Lawson at Arrow Cottage, Heritordshire

8,30 Brookside Mick and Elaine face the consequences of their actions (f) (5271)



The footballing friends (9.00pm)

9.00 Friends: The One with the Football Serious rivairies are exposed by a Thanksolving Day game of football (T) (390233)

9.35 Cybill: In Her Dreams Ira is subjected to an IRS audit, which means Cybill's accounts will also come under scruting (1) (113349)

10.00 Franier: Our Father Who Ain't In Heaven Martin buys Frasier a painting (T) (76894)

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Australian drama with Nicholas Hope, Ralph Cotterill and Carnel Johnson A mother linds frustration turning to violence when his arrant lather reappears Directed by Rolt de Heer (T)

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Tully (500214) 2.55 The Clairvoyant (1934) Melodrama with Claude Rains, Fay Wray and Jane Baxter Directed by Maurice Elvey (7429547) 4,20 Takeover TV (r) (3068818) 5.05 Fluke (8332568)

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5.30 100 Per Cent (5588271) 6.00 Move on Up (T) (5585184)

8.30 Family Affairs Angus's life is threatened (T) (5576436) 7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news Long-

departed soup stars talk about leading their lives after leaving a successful show (3195621) 7.30 Pole Stare Documentary about the

thousands of birds that migrate to the Archo to breed (T) (5565320)



The presenter Tim Vincent (8,00pm)

8.00 Attractions Leisure time presented by Tim Vincent (5101959) 8,30 5 News (T) (5905356)

9.00 Ledy Mobster (1988; Gangster crama with Susan Lucci and Michael Rader Directed by John Dewellyn Mosety (71830243)

10.50 The Best of Jack Docherty (5735252) 11.35 Prisoner: Celi Block H (8557037) 12.35 am Tiffany Jones (1973) Sax comedy with Anouska Hempel and Ray Brooks, directed by Peter Walker (4251856)

2.15 Sin (1970) Ala Beloved Intense crama with Requel Welch and Richard Johnson Directed by George Pan Cosmatos (3796653)

3.50 Pearl of the South Pacific (1955) Absurd adventure with Virginia Mayo.
Dennis Morgan and David Farrar.
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Slow coaches keep England waiting



BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S new coaching hierarchy remains in the pending tray for this weekend, despite the meeting today of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) board of management. No announcement will be made of a replacement for Jack Rowell until the union can be sure of its appointments from the senior squad down to the Under-21s.

Yesterday's statement from Twickenham made obvious the problems created by part-timers but this is what the RFU is saddled with for at least one more season. A report from the national playing committee will be considered by the board but it is having to skirt

ard Hill and John Mitchell, employed respectively by Gloucester and Sale.

The situations of Roger Uttley and Clive Woodward, the first expected to be offered the position of England manager, the second that of coach, are different: Uttley is a master at Harrow and seeks to remain so, given that the RFU appointment will last no longer than the 1999 World Cup, Woodward has no contract with Bath, where he is backs coach, but insists that he will see out his agreement to remain with them until the end of this

There is no prospect of the RFU returning to lan McGeechan, who ruled himself out of contention

ber of the playing committee is convinced that McGeechan, for all his achievements with Scotland and the British Isles, is the right man for the job and McGeechan himself has no intention of putting himself back into a market where the haggling has become so public, even if his

employers at Northampton were

happy for him to do so. The RFU has also to match the aspirations of the incoming coach with the system they have already in place. The demarcation lines have become very blurred by the advent of professionalism over the last two years. Whereas before coaches ambitious to handle England served their apprenticeship with dub and junior representative sides in the knowledge that success might bring

rangements already in place for two of their favoured candidates. Richber of the playing committee is into long-term contracts.

They seek as much security of tenure as the newly professionalised. sport will allow them, and those such as Hill, who have agreed five-year terms with their club, are the lucky ones. Most governing bodies agree that an ideal national coaching cycle is one of four years, from one world cup to another, but in this instance the RFU has only a twoyear offer and in that event it seems that the full-time appointment that Fran Cotton, among others, would like to make will have to wait,

perhaps until the new millennium. In addition Woodward, should he be offered the primary coaching role, has made no bones about insisting that he would seek his own assistants. "He has some

fundamental ideas about how he would like things structured," one member of the playing committee said yesterday. "But there is a hierarchy, people who have been involved in the system and served an apprenticeship, and if he wanted to change things drastically it would make the system a bit of a joke."

This entire episode will have forced the RFU to consider whether a coaching structure established in an amateur era remains relevant in its entirety. It may be that, just like their footballing counterparts, they will have to cherrypick among the most successful club coaches and pay handsomely for their services, assuming that they have not the resources to sustain enough staff coaches of their own to cater for all

As matters stand they must trim their requirements around those of their candidates. Mitchell, the New Zealander who has been so successful at Sale, acknowledges that his priority is to his club: "I have had only one briefing with England," he said, "and it's a matter of seeing what they propose and how that would fit in with Sale."

Time is not on the RFU's side. The first squad session of the season is due to take place at Bisham Abbey on September 17 and the issue of the captaincy has yet to be addressed; at least Phil de Glanville, the sitting tenant as captain, is keeping his hand in at Bath in the continued absence this weekend of the injured Andy Nicol.

Thomas in trouble, page 39

Atherton

reaches

his day of

decision

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDEN MICHAEL ATHERTON WIL today finally unburden him-

self of his private thoughts, and perhaps his most prized ession. After almost a week of contemplation, Ather-ton is due to reveal if he has

any remaining will to captain

his country.

Atherion resurfaced yester-day, following a short break with his girlfriend Isobel, and left word for the chairman of

the selectors, David Grave ney, that he is ready to give a

decision on the issue that has

dominated cricket debate for

Graveney, who was watching cricket at Grace Road,

rapidly arranged to meet Atherion at Lord's this morning.

think it is right that he

should tell me what he is

thinking face to face, rather

than over the phone," he said.

Cricket Board (ECB) will issue . statement later today and, it

Atherton does stand down, the

selectors will appoint his suc-

cessor -- probably Alec Stew-

art — early next week.

If this is the outcome, it will

be because four years in the job have worn Atherton down

both mentally and physically.

The England and Wales

some weeks.

Pressure mounts as players swing into action at BMW International Open

Baker turns up heat in bid to make Ryder Cup

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

golf course in Europe, Peter Baker gives the appearance of not having a care in the world. Everyone else is in a spin about the forthcoming Ryder Cup. but not Baker. He walks quickly between strokes and is not very expressive with his body language after he has hit the ball. Even when he beat Corey Pavin in their singles match during the 1993 Ryder theatricality one associates with, say, Severiano Balles-

So it was in the first round of the BMW international Open yesterday. On his way to scoring a 64, eight under par. to be one stroke behind Fabrice Tarnaud, the surprise leader from France, Baker demonstrated no sign of Ryder Cup pressure, though he is muking a concerted lastminute effort to get into Ballesteros's Europe team. Nor would anyone have known that he had only

HERE, on surely the flattest awoken at 7.30am, an hour before he was due to tee off. starred in the Ryder Cup and a won a fourball and foursomes match with Ian Woosnam, as well as defeating Pavin. One of the memories of Europe's narrow defeat by the United States that year is of Baker's babyish face, burned by the late summer sun, with a broad grin on it. He was 25, a man

In the years that followed, his best finishing place in the European Order of Merit was 25th. This was not what was expected of the young hero. Three months ago, Baker began working with Bill Ferguson, who used to coach Colin Montgomerie, and soon began striking the ball better. He was third in the Scandinavian Masters at the beginning of this month, and second in the European Open last week. His position in the Ryder Cup points-table improved from 57th to twentieth.



Baker played with Montgomerie and Per-Ulrik lohansson yesterday, part of Ballesteros's plan to put the men in contention for his team under pressure. "It is good for them." Bernhard Langer said. "If they make the team, they will experience far worse pressure than that. The Ryder Cup

Baker's striking was as good as that of his playing partners and, at times, he was a good deal more accurate. Chipping has always been his weakness and he duly duffed

is all about playing under

one. He putted, though, as if in a dream, his longest being from 30 feet on the 11th, his shortest from one foot on the

Munich North is perhaps the easiest course on the European Tour.More's the pity that it is not tougher, for that would add that extra something to those fighting for a place in the Ryder Cup ream.

Not surprisingly, the players ripped such an easy course to shreds, more than threequarters of them being under par. Even Ballesteros was under par, albeit by only one stroke, and that has not happened for a long time. Most of those competing for a place in his team took advantage of the gentieness of the course, though loakim Haeggman's 72, level par, was the equiva-

lent of a 75 on another day. Despite playing his last five holes in the wind and rain that got up late in the day, Padraig Harrington, tweifth in the Ryder Cup table, picked up three strokes on his last two holes for a 66, the same score as Roger Chapman, who lies fifteenth. Thomas Bjorn, who

is eighth, had a 68.

After giving Johansson and Harrington the once-over last week, Ballesteros this week is casting his eye over Paul Broadhurst, who stands thirteenth in the table, and Sam Torrance. Broadhurst had a 68. Torrance a 75. which has surely ended any chance, how

ever remote, of his being selected by the captain. The crucial score was that of José Maria Olazábal. A 67 in the benign conditions of the morning was a continuation of the good form that he has shown lately. "Being five under is nothing special on

this course," Olazabal said, My main concern has been to awing well. If I continue to do that, then I should be in a good position at the end of the week.

best man for the position.

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Wright faces severe FA punishment



Wright previously warned

IAN WRIGHT, the England and Arsenal striker, has been charged with misconduct by the Football Association. It will be his umpteenth appearance before the FA in a career that again descended into the depths on Wednesday night, when he was involved in a

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

postmatch altercation after Arsenal's 3-3 draw with Leicester City at Filbert Street. It is unlikely that Wright's latest indiscretion will be viewed lightly, especially as he was fined £15,000 and warned about his future conduct effectively a final warning only four months ago. At the time, David Davies, the FA head of public affairs, said: The commisssion made it absolutely clear to Ian that he can expect no sympathy whatsoever if he appears before them again in similar and proven circumstances." Wright could receive as much

Trouble flared soon after Leicester had scored a late equaliser, with several Arsenal players surrounding Graham Barber, the referee, at the finish to find out why he had played so much injury time. Wright, who had been substituted in the 78th minute,

as a 12-match domestic sus-

Gary Lewin, the Arsenal physiotherapist, and Tony Cottee,

Patrick Vieira, the Arsenal midfield player, and Steve Walsh, the Leicester captain. also face misconduct charges arising from the incident while Pat Rice, Arsenal's assistant manager, will have to appear before the FA for allegedly making remarks to Barber in the dressing-room.

During the summer, Wright appeared in an advertising campaign promoting the FA. for which he is believed to have received £10,000.

Chocolate weighs heavily on Merricks

ohn Merricks is never one to hide the truth. He is overweight, out of condition and stunned to be back in his old 470 dinghy. Whereas this time last year he and lan Walker were totally dominant in the class, this week they have endured the humbling experience of getting to the windward mark in the mid-twenties.

Two weeks ago the pair were on top of the sailing world after winning their class in the Admiral's Cup in Tim Barrett's Mumm 36, Bradamante. This week on the baking hot shores of the eastern Mediterranean off Tel Aviv. they have come down to earth with a bump at the 470 Edward Gorman learns the shameful truth behind an Olympic medal-winner's sharp fall

world championships, where they are eighteenth with three races left to sail. They started the championship with what Merricks

described as "a couple of shocking days" when their results included a disqualification, for being over the start line early, and two finishes in twenty-second place. This sort of thing was unheard of last year when, even after an awful start, the Olympic silver medal-winners could recover with breathtaking downwind skills.

But nine months in the relatively ponderous world of Mumm 36 racing have taken their toll. Last night Merricks got ashore still amazed at the

change of pace that has over-

taken them. "When we got in

the boat for the first day, it just felt completely alien; we were all over the place," he said. Too much food on the Mumm has left the pair about 151b over their ideal combined weight for the 470 and a lot of running round the Israeli port city has not rid them of it all yel, "I'm still at my Admiral's Cup weight," Merricks ex-plained. "I just put weight on because it was quite enjoyable eating chocolate and cake and I wasn't doing any physical exercise on the Munn.

The past week has under-lined to both of them how hard it is going to be to hold their form in the 470 while continuing to build on their brilliant first year in keelboats. At present Merricks and Walker are determined to have another go in the 470 at the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000, but Merricks, in particular, is increasingly distracted by the bigger boats and is still hoping for a late ride in the Whitbread round-

affecting his quality of life and, of late, his batting. If he stays, it will be because one further challenge nags at him, and because others such as But I have to keep it going." Graveney have persuaded him that he is still much the Scores, page 41



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Why my mother is not a monster

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Antonia White's daughters are locked in battle over her literary soul. Richard Owen interviews Lyndall Hopkinson

palazzo and plotting long-distance literary revenge. She is conducting a feud across the 1,500 miles that separate central Italy from London with her half-sister, Susan Chitty, the biographer, over their mother,

the novelist Antonia White. Hopkinson is now 66, and has lived in Italy for more than 40 years. Susan Chitty is 68. But time has not dimmed the ferocity of their battle over the literary soul of their mother, who died in 1980, aged 81. What has prompted the latest outbreak of lending is the publication of Chitty's new book, a biography of the poet Henry Newbolt, which led to a recent interview in these pages in which she described White as "an absolutely appalling mother, utterly horrible who ignored her two daughters, who in turn dreamt of

Hopkinson, who is Countess Passerini by marriage, inhabits a world far removed from the bothouse of literary London — a loth-century

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palace in Cortona that had belonged to Count Lorenzo Passerini, her late husband. He gave the palace in the University of Pisa on condition that his widow could live in the tower after Italy, she says, has al-

ways been her "escape route": she went to Rome in 1952; aged 21, to escape a foolish engagement, and except for periods in London (for "a brief, unhappy early marriage" to a New York, has been in Italy ever since. "Rome in those days was wonderful:

I was even an extra in Fellini's La Dolor Vita." Much later she married the count, who died in 1981; she stayed on, as excles in Italy tend to, keeping an eye on the estate-palazzo and looking after the frescoes and olive groves. But her pession is the memory

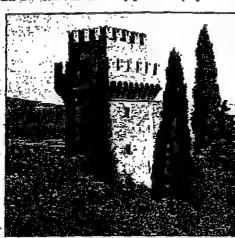
of her mother, who she believes deserves compassion rather than condemnation. She accuses Chitty of editing White's dlaries in such a way as to distort them by minimising their mother's inner torment, and so make her appear more of an unfeeling monster than she was. "If you read her diaries, you see how tortured she was; there was no way she could have been a functioning mother. She never abandoned or abused us, after us. She just had no feeling for children. I think she had them because she loved the men she had them by; she could not deal with being a mother." Hopkinson never had children because she feared she would be as bad - and mad a mother as Antonia.

White's fame as a writer partly rests on Frost in May flater filmed for television), which was redis-

yndall Hopkinson lives alone in a tower in Tusca-ny, surveying the olive publishers. Virago. But Hopkin-groves that surround her son believes White's diary is her real masterpiece. The published version, she says, is a "travesty -it trivialised the writer and destroyed the writing". What also galls her is that Chitty claims they both detested their mother.

"Susan constantly repeats that we both hated Mother and dream: of murdering her," she says. "Sue is free to say what she thinks, but I wish she would stop saying what I think." But did she not also see her mother as a monster?" I feared her for most of my life, and this fear prevented love. But between love and hate lie many shades of feeling I did not wish to kill her, though there were times when I

Chitty, she says, was a dominating elder sister whom she admired and tried to emulate. "If, as a small child, she had said 'Let's murder Mother, I might have chirped back 'Yes, let's'. But I would have made the same reply to 'Let's play



The Passerini palazzo in Cortona, Tuscany

horses' or 'Let's hide from Nurse'." It is a tribute to White's enduring power as a writer that this battle should still be fought nearly 20 years afer her death. Her life, as described by both Chitty in Now to My Mother and Hopkinson in Nothing to Forgive, was remarkable: at the age of 23 she was certified insane and committed to Bedlam asylum, and both her subsequent marriages were unconsummated. She made up for that by having affairs, sometimes

with men she barely knew. In 1930 White married Tom Hopkinson, later Editor of Picture Post. Lyndall is his daughter, whereas Susan was the result of an affair between White and a handsome mining engineer called Silas chagrin, in the later feuding between the two half-sisters her father tended to take Susan's side.

White's diaries record her loves, her thoughts on life and art, her fears of insanity and her struggle with religious doubt (she was a lapsed Roman Catholic). Lyndall Hopkinson has a copy of the original version and goes over it again and again to pinpoint what

she sees as Chitty's editing errors. Their mother, she says, named three literary executors in her will: herself, her half-sister and Carmen Callil. At first the three collaborated well enough, but fell out ten years ago over Chitty's bid to edit the diaries.

Chitty won the battle, on the ground that she was the only one of the three who was both a trustee and a "financial beneficiary" of White's will. Hopkinson had chosen not to be, on the ground that she lived in Italy and was financially self-sufficent - a decision she now deeply regrets. She also regrets signing away her mother's house in Sussex to Chitry in "an act

Susan should thank me - she made money out of Frost in May, which has gone into 12 editions. and the TV series, because I opted not to benefit financially from my mother's estate. She also owes a debt to Carmen for relaunching Antonia - yet she sees us as her two worst enemies, very odd." She and Callil were both against

publishing the diaries too soon. "My main reason was that too many people mentioned were still alive. including Silas Glossop and my father both are now dead]." Above all, she thought Chitty was "the last person who should be let loose on the diaries".

In her biography of White, Hopkinson says Chitty portrayed their mother as "a vain, egotisical monster, a quasinymphomaniac with no redeeming qualities". She feels her haif-sister exaggerated White's sexual escapades while understating the fear of madness that haunted her, and her awareness of her vanity

I asked if there was any hope of reconciliation. "We are not on speaking terms. But we did exchange cards at Christmas, and there is a biography of Antonia coming out next year, by Jane Dunn: Susan, Carmen and I have lent her papers and letters. I am sure Jane will be objective, and this in itself may reconcile our views. I am sure we will make peace eventually." But she later sent me a note full

of bitter afterthoughts. Her halfsister had had a successful marriage,: with four "splendid children", and had published several books, "Isn't it time she accepted that even if her childhood was bleak, the poison of hatred she is carrying around is narming her even more than me, or Carmen Callil, or the ghost of Antonia? Our mother's mental suffering is never considered an extenuating circumstance by Sue: SHE has been hurt. SHE has been wronged, SHE is the only victim. Until she can admit that other people have suffered, I see no point in our seeing each other, this side of Paradise or Hell."



It's August, and Kimberly Fortier finds herself alone at her desk with no one answering the phone

the state of my desk is depressing me. Empty in-tray, empty out-tray, three silent phones and a fax I telephone my top ten clients, they are gone for the month. Even their secretaries are away. The skeleton staff at my office has no sympathy. Where is your sense of proportion!" they ask, "Perhaps it's because you're American, but you don't seem to know t's August."

Of course I know it's August August 29 to be exact. Only two more days to go before the British stop lolling about on beaches courting skin cancer. This is a nation of people admired the world over for their stoicism, punctuality, and administrative abilities. They arrive at work on time, take their one tea break, and leave tidy piles on

A month out of the country next routine day. Yet for one month each year, the British abandon their Britishness and assume the persona of a South Sea Islander. How has this terrible August thing happened? And can it be goo

for a nation of shopkeepers?

"It has to do with class assumption," explains Petronella Wyatt, deputy editor of The Spectator. "Oxford and Cambridge, Eton and Harrow have long breaks in the summer. Parliament is not sitting - and anyone with even a whiff of the aristocracy about them is shooting grouse from August 12 onwards." Obviously the social shock waves have moved down-

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classes have also adopted August as a holiday month. John Morgan, the author of

Debrett's New Guide to Etiquette and Modern Manners, is even more adamant. "London in August? It's like booking a passage on the Mary Celeste. Once Mary Celeste. Once Goodwood is over at the end of July, one has no choice but to retire to one's country estate. If there is no country estate to retire to, well, then it's best to disappear abroad."

As I ponder these social observations, it suddenly hits me. So that is the problem with Diana, Princess of Wales. Turning her attention from Bosnian landmines, she

horrors - in London, in August, with a zillion cameras pointed at her social gaffe. A stag at bay, she must fice -

is "Don't do it".

is France a superpower?

Look at the trouble Chirac is

having with high interest

rates and unemployment. Is

Italy a superpower? Think of

50 governments in 45 years.

Now think South Korea - are

the South Koreans taking

August off? Has their Prime

Minister spent three weeks

playing boules in a country

Other non-Brits seem to

that doesn't even like him?

Perhaps the Princess, and the rest of the British population, have also been influenced by an over-romantic view of the Latin south. In Italy and France there is a long-established tradition of taking off the whole of August. The unbearable heat

anywhere, with anyone.

and a national affinity for doing nothing with great style makes August the month to head for the villa on the

The British weather ls also participating in the holiday conspiracy. An August in Birmingham now rivals the most scorching Mediterranean retreat. Despite long-held complaints about the miserably damp and dreary British climate, the English find it difficult to acclimatise to a globally warmed August. With all the sunshine now found in a British August, they

can't keep their minds on work. Blue skies equal a holiday.

Even the stars conspire to provide a nice big holiday for the British. Shelley von Strunckel, the astrologer, explains it all. The Sun from July 22 goes into Leo, the sign of romance, love and life's pleasures. Given the fundamental British difficulty in indulging in any of these, it's not a surprise that holiday time coincides with the Sun's presence in the sign of excess." My first reaction to all these

reasonable explanations ~

Whiling away the great British summer agree. August is a linchpin

month for many industries, as Joseph Wan, chief executive of Harvey Nichols, explains. "In a business such as Harvey Nichols we use August to see how the July sales went. literally to take stock of our product, and based on this information, to finalise our plans for the second half of the year. We've already done the designer buying for the next season, but throughout August we are rethinking what our customer wants. This August has been particu-

larly hectic for Mr Wan - he is negotiating an enormous retail deal in America. "Oh yes," he laughs. "they're certainly working in America."

Even in my own world of magazine publishing. August is essential. It's the month when the autumn issues, responsible for more than 60 revenue, are produced. Editors should be putting together their biggest issues, including the Christmas make-or-break editions. Advertising departments need to make sure the months ahead are jam-packed with fra-

grances, watches, clothes and cars. And the advertising schedules for the next year are all being planned

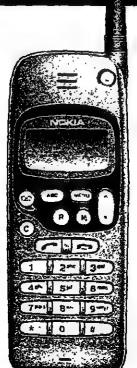
All this is happening new empires being built, cable channels being launched, magazines filling up with advertising. Even without the natives. Britain seems to be working. With no Parliament, MPs still bungle things. With no staff, newspapers continue to print stories. My postman is away, but I still get mail. It is. perhaps, an illusion. this myth of August. So here I sit, ponder-

ing the annual question. Shall I go nauve and fly to Pisa? Or shall I continue to reorganise my company's filing system, read up on syndication rights and have another lonely sandwich at my desk? My editor shakes his head. "Too late," he says. "Your staff will return in several days — tanned and rested and inspired anew." Ho looks at me with concern. "You need a break."

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On the Fringe the kings of addball pop songs. Kenny Young and the Eggptents, and then residency at the Fringe Cub (Venue 2, tonight and the transport of the Tr tomonow, 9pm) in the Traverse Theatre (Venue 15, today, 4-45pm, and tomorrow, 7 15pm, Tamarard Theatre (USA) presents Helicab, a grity correcty about an anonymous cabble driving the mean streets of Chicago Fringe box office (0131-235 5138 bokels, 0131-226 5257 information)

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Bigger brushstrokes

The millennial doom merchants are wrong, says

Isabel Carlisle painting is alive and well, as

a new London show proves

Tou can't have a millennium or even a century ending without portents of doorn and death. Some art critics, however, have been jumping the gun. If it is not the end of art as we know it (as announced by the American Arthur Dantol, it is at least, as Waldemar Januszczak wrote in The Sunday Times, the

death of painting.

Dream on. We may live in an age of ever-advancing communications technology in which the medium has taken over the message, but art is not about information. Nor has trendy conceptual art superseded traditional painting and sculpture. Painting is still just as effective a means of communication as any other of the myriad media which are used by artists today. Look at the enormous storm of protest that has arisen over the painting of Myra Hindley destined for a showing at the Royal Academy this September.

A timely exhibition which puts painting centre stage is Painting: The Human Figure at the Flowers East gallery in Hackney. Nearly every significant figurative artist working in Britain today is represented in this survey by one, or at most two, works. Some are portraits, but many more are of figures in a narrative which, like a snapshot, continues beyond the confines of the

ohn Bellany's jaundicedlooking foursome in Vesperland might be heading off for a Berlin nightclub prewar, while sex is definitely uppermost in the minds of Allen Jones's partygoers, with the voyeur behind the sofa giving the work its title of The Visitor. The paint, its colours and the way it is handled is part of the narrative, too. Bellany tends towards the acidic and disturbed, while Jones restricts his pigments to the colours of a child's box of crayons and applies them with

the slickness of soft porn. What can we make of Venus and Adonis by Ansel Krut? The colours are like Titian, and Titian did paint this scene from Greek mythology, but is Krut's half-turned figure of Venus, who grabs at Adonis's arm, male or female, and is the face that of a person or a heast? There is no one right answer; we respond according to our individual experiences. and the conundrum posed by the artist is part of the excite-

ment of the painting. Paula Rego invokes a similar uncertainty in her art, in



of the young soldier who stares out down the avenue of of what it is like to be a close-up, rather surgical realtrees. Her brooch, in the shape particular person, the exof a helmeted Greek warrior. panses of flesh of this huge and deeper probing of suggests she knows more of

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war than he does. The striding, straining woman in Peter Howson's Io, her hair streaming behind her like a mane, is as wild as a horse by Géricault. As monumental, but in repose, is Lucian Freud's Benefit Supervisor Sleeping (a

nude can look like over-indulgence. But this is painting at its sumptuous best, with the paint laid on thick in areas of impasto and the brushstrokes clearly visible.

Leon Kossoff treats paint as something visceral in Portrait of Chaim No 2 it is trailed, extruded, congested, in what has clearly been a lengthy battle to bring down barriers between the artist and his subject.

Maggie Hambling's por-trait of a white-haired woman in a red head scarf is anonlymous, but no less immediate. Hambling uses paint in a very free, very beautiful way, and for this work has created a background of chalky yellows and pale browns that tooks

exceeds in painting the essence - and Alison Watt, have gone for characters.

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Timothy Hyman has produced a picture loosely based on the story of St Christopher carrying the infant Christ across a river on his broad shoulders. Mid River (The Bearer) is as enigmatic and conceptual as a work by

Whiteread. The giant figure, sections flapping from each shoulder is fording the Thames somewhere near bing of Wapping He seems to be carrying a second world on his back as well as a smirking mannikin, while little Boschlike figures suffer unpleasantly human experiences around his feet.

There are no concessions to traditional ideas of beauty; the visual imagery and the paint are chaotic, even disturbing. In depicting the apparent in-difference of higher powers to the individual tragedies of everyday life, Hyman has connected with one of our deepest preoccupations. Per-haps this is the painting for the millennium.

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1613. These municipal guardians are clearly going to eat or sell the meat they confiscate during the evening. In any case, another trade in animal flesh proceeds unchecked. A Chaste Maid in Cheapside must be one of the bawdiest plays in the language, for it ebulliently evokes a sex-finated London whose only missing forward congress between

Two of the interlocking plots amusingly parallel each other. John McEnery's withered, wintry Sir Oliver Kix gets the child he wants by enlisting the help of Steven Skybell's Touchwood, not knowing that the fertility drug this take shaman gives to his wife is extramarital sex. Meanwhile, Rory Edwards's Sir Walter Whorehound manages to sire half a dozen children on Elizabeth Meadows Rouse's blowsy Mrs Allwit. The difference of the control ence is that her husband. Mark Rylance's Allwit, knows and encourages the affair. How better can a man get an easy living than by pimping

With Mathew-Scurfield's sly Yellowhammer forcing his daughter to make a gainful marriage to Whorehound, and one of Whorehound's 'nieces' seeking to entrap Yellowhammer's dim son by pretending she is the wealthy owner of 19 Welsh mountains, lechery and greed are all around.

The Intermittent appear ance of prurient gossips and

lady Purmans reinforces the feeling that hypocrisy is an equally popular commodity in Cheapside. Yet Malcolm Me-Kay, who directs, fails to prove that Middleton is the angry, passionate writer he invokes in his programme note. On the contrary, he shuns scathing humour for sprightly cornedy and, occasionally, farce.

Myself, I cannot regret the

inconsistency, because Mid-dleton's cynicism strikes me as more accepting and good-natured than critical and heroe. Even the villainous Whorehound cannot be taken too seriously, certainly not in this production, where he comes with a Mephistophelean beard and a punk-like spike of hair rising from his forehead, giving him the look of a deprayed unicorn. McKay even provides a silent-movie chase in which Yellowhammer's daughter escapes to her true love by shinning up a rope ladder to the top balcony and why not?

There is plenty of cheerful cross-dressing as the Cheapside citizenry swirls about, but no set and barely a prop to be seen. It works well. With the excellent Maid's Tragedy also in the rep, the Globe's first season is ending on a high; and it is nice to report that its artistic director continues to be central to its success. Rylance's paunchy Aliwit, complacently munching his muffins while he comfily recommends the merits of cuckoldom, is a wonderful creation, not to be missed by anyone who values

BENEDICT



No sex please, we're married: Elizabeth Meadows Rouse as the blowsy Mrs Allwit with Mark Rylance as her happily cuckolded husband in Thomas Middleton's sprightly comedy

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: A thrilling piece of theatre with music, and an absorbing evening of musical eccentricity

companies that arrive here with a pantechnicon of furniture, and possibly half a cherry orchard, the Scottish-based Suspect Culture travels light. Two glass panels that rotate on a central pivot, two bar tables and four bar stools. Oh, and a string

The four instrumentalists are arranged as two couples, one either side of the stage. Likewise, the four actors are kept separate. They are friends, meeting at a bar, sitting around one table, but the table is shown twice and the friends dart or glide from one to the other when intimate confidences are to be shared. The idea may sound daft on the page but it generates sequences of rhythmic beauty and emotional emphasis that represent the to and fro of conversation in a thrillingly

Eatough conceived and directed it. Ďavid Greig is responsible for the text, Ian Scott designed the set and excellent lighting. Nick Powell is the composer. Together with the double quartet of actors and musicians they create a multiple portrait of lives affected by one night on a beach, where they sat over a bonfire and waited for the sun to rise. The opening section present - begins with the

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characters inspecting themselves in the glass, gesturing ranged. As the play proceeds through "the past" (that sudden decision to go to the beach) and "the future" (daydreams

THERE have been more ec-centricities in Edinburgh Festival music this year than ever before. At least one of them, Peter Hurford's series of 15 early-evening recitals of Bach organ music in Greyfriars Kirk, was nothing short of an inspiration. Another, the fourhour recital of the nine Prokofiev sonatas and two sonatinas by Alexander Toradze's piano students, was not far short of a disaster. And the value of Andras Schiff's late-night recitals of Bach Preludes and Fugues was seriously reduced by the offical predilection for gloom, which left the Usher Hall audience in the dark as to exactly where they were in the

tors and soloists have been eccentrically matched to the repertoire, they cannot go

Seeing doubles in the bar between the Festival and the together) we come to relate those gestures of self-protec-Tramway, Glasgow. Graham Gateway tion and the extended arms to

> shared lives.
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> Meanwhile the strings play their rich, resonant music, now commenting on the emotions being presented or concealed. now expressing their essence in musical form -

the defining moment of their agitated, melancholy or tall too briefly) serene. Threading through the play

is the history of a photograph of Stella (Molly Innes). She is now holding down some wellpaid, boring job but once she

muches. The gestures, vocal tones and glances, the doubled ked except for some Cleopatra movements and echoed accessories. Years have passed speeches go to make an absurbing and mind-opening before Ian (Keith Macpherevening. Only at the end are son), a depressed non-achievall four sitting around the same table - but the string er, sees it in a mag and describes it to Paul Hickey's

Martin. Now a carefully un-

feeling businessman, Martin

shows it to Kate Dickie's lively

but still nervy Veronica, who

describes it to Stella. All four at

farthest corners of the stage JEREMY KINGSTON

quartet knows better, and its

members have retreated to the

one time hold the photo, at one or other of the tables, and its

history illumines the lives it

Time flies when it's embellished

programme. However, although conduc-

wrong with Sir Charles Mackerras. His concert performances of operas, usually with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, have so endeared him to the Edinburgh audience over the past few years that he can now pull off tricks which few other conductors would even contemplate. His three-and-a-half-hour programme of three Mozart symphonies and two piano concertos with Alfred Brendel and the SCO seemed not a moment too long.

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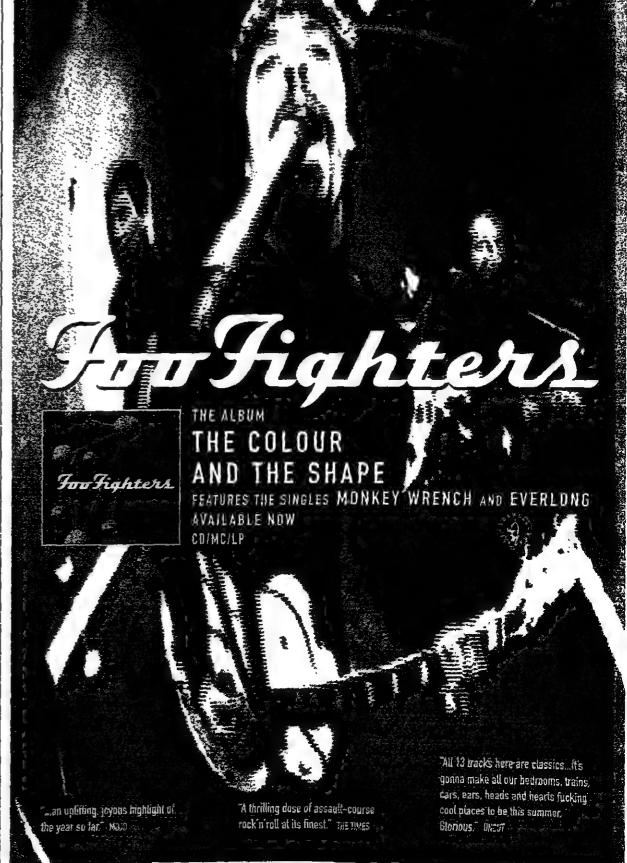
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Even more remarkable, a late-night event with the SCO billed as "the Art of Embellishment, a lecture concert" not only attracted a good audience but also kept it amused as Mackerras held forth on what is, or can be, a dauntingly academic subject.
Actually. Mackeryas is so

disarming that he could have been more academic than he was. We would quite happily have listened to the occasional line or two with the embellishments explained in detail. But we were no less happy listening to whole arias, expertly sung as they were by Nuccia Focile and Inger Dam-Jensen. There were items from the publications of the 18th-century Edinburgh immigrant from Rome, Domenico Corri,

who was represented by his embellished arrangements of both classical arias and Scottish songs (the latter idiomati-cally sung by Mhairi Lawson). Better still there were Mozart's embellishments for J.C. Bach's Cara. la dolce fiamma and for his own Non so d'onde viene, K 294, as so lovingly and so sensationally written out in different versions for Aloysia Weber.

GERALD LARNER



All that jazz

casting response to celebrity death is that someone, usually in television, gets out some footage of their last appearance and arm-twists the schedulers into giving it a slot, soonest. The result is a tiny, irrele-

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vant slice of the person's art. Happily BBC Radio decided that Romie Scott, who died just before Christmas last year, deserved a proper tribute, properly made. Thus it was not until this week that The Club That Scott Built (Monday, Radio 2) made the airwaves.

The documentary, presented by Miles Kington, hit every button. It had a knowledgeable but unobtrusive presenter, it had the right balance between words and music, it lauded Scott's importance without being portance, and it had a wealth of colourful stories.

The importance of Scott and his partner Pete King cannot be overstated. Without the club they opened in 1959 at 39 Gerrard Street it is very likely that London would never have heard some of the greats of jazz. It took a couple of musicians to be willing to risk so much. No businessman, certainly not then, would have taken the chance. Benny Green recalled that he first heard Scott talk about opening a

club after Scott's quintet had finished a Monday night gig in Acton Town Hall, from which the band profits were El3. Eventually the Gerrard Street basement was found (superseded later by the present, flashier Frith Street

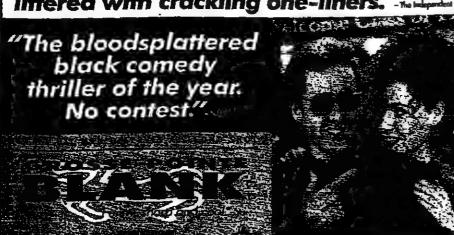
In the heady days, or rather nights, of the 1960s John Dankworth remembered going to Gerrand Street with his wife Cleo Laine to hear Armie Ross sing. Also in the audience were Tony Bennett, Mei Torme and Marian Montgomery. By the end of the night, Ross, Bennett, Montgomery and Laine were on stage singing On the Sunny Side of the Street with Tormé playing drums.

Not everyone approved of this music. Above the club there was a garment factory and when Scott allowed an American singer and her accompanist to rehearse one afternoon, the factory owner sued because of the noise. The judge threw out the case, saying plenty of people would have paid £25 to hear such music the singer was £11a Pitzgerald, her accompanist Oscar Peterson. Thanks Judge. Thanks Ronnie.

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A bad back won't stop a good man

The really interesting story about the irrepressible

lads of Bentley Rhythm Ace is the gruesome accident that you don't get to see on their promotional video

t is rather disconcerting. talking to someone who has a broken back. It is a little like chatting with someone who has been mauled by tigers, or whose head has recently fallen off.

"Oh, that happened to me." Mike Bentley cheerfully puts in "Head fell off. Back on again now. But a terrible

Richard Bentley, the man with the broken back, gets up from his chair very carefully and makes a cup of tea. Richard literally broke his back for rock norll. Bentley Rhythm Ace's new single, Bentley's Gonna Sort You Out!, was such an obvious hit from the day of its conception that a beezer video was clearly in order. The result can be seen on The Chart Show practically every week: a day in the life of the flares-wearing. psychedelic-caners Bentleys, starting with a game of Swing-Ball, and ending with them getting out of an aeroplane.

Everything runs in smooth. jaunty Backwards-O-Vision. so that, at one point, the Bentleys appear to jump 30,000ft vertically up into the air, back into an aeroplane, while carefully folding up their parachutes on the way. The one astonishing thing that the video doesn't show you, however, is the moment when Richard broke his back. It happened when a freak gust of wind blew him sideways and caused him to land on his

-We thought about keeping it in." Richard says, putting mugs of tea carefully on the floor, "Like in that film, The Crow, where that bloke is killed doing a stunt and they kept it in the finished film as a

But it didn't look that dramatic. It's just a man landing on his head and 'Ow' a bit in a Birmingham accent. Actually I never even knew that I had

ing in the silence. "I feel like a broken my back. I went to king when I look at that." hospital and they first said I had bruised it, and sent me

"A couple of hours later, I got a phone call, and they told me I had broken my back, but that it was the kind of broken back that gets better." Richard lights a cigarette, rolling his eyes. "So I have spent some time in a wheelchair and that experience makes you realise how wheelchair unfriendly the

whole world is, Backstage at the Reading Festival last week I discovered that the toilets are up a couple of steps, so in a wheelchair you can't even go to the loo. Luckily. I can just get up and walk if I have to, but if you were like that permanently



CAITLIN MORAN

.- Richard lets out a sigh of

disgust.
Still, there have been good points to it: playing gigs where i come on in a wheelchair, and then stand up screaming 'the power of Bentleys has cured me! I walk again!' And wheel-chair races are fab. On the first day that I got my wheelchair I spent half an hour doing handbrake turns and

Every cloud has a lining of solid gold, my people, solid gold! Here, have a look at this. I bought it in Singapore. This is a measure of how wealthy I

Richard brings out a grape fruit-sized set of disco lights, which he proceeds to switch on in the corner of the room. Mike immediately starts danc-

Ah. But that's a fib. What's the real truth, from out of What Actually Happened? "Met in the pub," Richard says mournfully. single, Bentley's Gonna Sort You Out!. is clearly going to be the last Summer Hit of 1997. before the leaves on the trees drop down dead and we all have to start thinking of Christmas, It is this year's Da Funk — a lazy, slightly sleazy, bubbling jaunt through big. distorting bass and needling

Richard beams. "It's a sizeable portion of my wealth, and it

"It cost him £5," Mike

Bentley Rhythm Ace are

fond of lies. Not the bad, sticky

lies that make you feel uncom-

fortable as soon as they are

spoken; but friendly lies. Lies

that are really just conjecture

about how cool it would have

been if things had happened

For instance, various mem-

bers have Musical Histories:

their keyboard player, James,

is the former singer of EMF;

and Richard used to be a

member of the Midlands he-

roes Pop Will Eat Itself; where-

as Mike was a Tarmac-layer. "From Hollywood," he asserts.

"It's a village ten miles outside Birmingham." When asked

how they all met. Richard and

Mike immediately get to work concocring a tale of what would have been a cool way to

"There's a stall in Bir-

mingham market that sells

second-hand drum ma-

chines," Mike starts, stretch-

ing out into the story, and on one very eventful day, there appeared a Bentley Rhythm Ace drumbox for £50. Al-

though we were strangers

then, both of us were drawn to

this fantastic item, and we both reached out to buy it at

the same time. A small fight then ensued, before we looked

into each other's eyes and

realised that it would be better

to make music, not war."

quietly whispers, while bop-

this Sunday.
"Oh, don't!" Richard moans. "Stop it!" Mike adds. "When I get all excited, I find that I can't sleep. I had almost forgotten about it."

"I'm going away this week-end," Richard declares. "I just don't want to know if it's a hit or not. I'm going camping in the Forest of Dean, and unless there are some really organised squirrels with access to the radio, who are determined to be the first to tell me, then I am not going to know anything about it until Monday."

"Is camping such a good idea, with your bad back, Rich?" Mike asks. "Oh, I'm taking my bed. You are allowed to take your bed on a camping holiday, if you are a pop star with a broken back," Richard explains, "It's a Rock



Boyz II Men, side by side and two by two: their wholesome, U-certificate soul will be paraded afresh on Evolution

Motown's saviours?

tening to it is a bit like watching a lava lamp on fasttrack record straight out of a forward. It is almost certainly record company mogul's dream, Boyz II Men were always going to have plenty to live up to with their impending third album. But after recent events at their label, the beleaguered Motown Records, the Philadelphia foursome's task now

makes the labours of Hercules seem like a few minor errands. The bestselling R&B vocal group of the decade—perhaps of any decade, with career album sales of around 30 million from just two releases - return next month with a new album, Evolution. It is an event with an unfortunate subtext, since right in the

middle of preparation for its

release the once-mighty label's

American president and chief executive, Andre Harrell, was

handed the "Dear John" note

by his employers.

Thus ended the executive's

unhappy two-year reign, dur-ing which the phrase "the hit sound of Motown" sounded

ever more anachronistic. A

succession of Harrell signings

failed to put the company back on the gold standard, while such old hands as Diana Ross

and Stevie Wonder toiled in

the shadow of their own past triumphs. No successor to

Harrell has yet been named,

and observers have struggled

to think of a lower ebb in the

company's history. Into this corporate mael-

strom come the group who,

with apologies to such talented

stablemates as Queen Latifah

and Zhane, have chiefly kept the Motown flame aflicker in recent times. Thanks to the

boardroom firing squad, after months of careful planning

Boyz II Men return to duty like

a poet trying to give a reading

in a war zone.
Fortunately for all con-

cerned. Evolution is an album

of high polish. It is crammed with the heartfelt, sometimes histrionic ballads that became

their metier after the success of

1992's End of the Road and the 1995 duet with Mariah Carey.

One Sweet Day, two songs that between them spent 29

weeks atop the American

On the other side of town

from the snari of much current

hip-hop, this is U-certificate soul, wholesome to a fault.

These boyz are not only good

to their mothers, they even

sing about them, on the Baby-

face-honed Mama. But with

production and writing credits

for several of the current cosa

nostra of urban beat, such as Keith Crouch and the ubiqui-

If Boyz II Men's new album fails, a once-great record label is in

deep trouble. Paul Sexton reports "We get a chance to talk to

ive us the thumbs up, which

means stuck in the old school,

nor do they limit their listen-

ing to the soul sector. Morris

reveals that the album with

which he has spent the most time in recent months is the

Chemical Brothers' Dig Your

Own Hole, which is about as

far as you can get from the chocolate-box serenading of

tous Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs, the album also contains sophisticated swing pieces, among them a persua-sively funky track called Can't Let Her Go. The group retain a humble

excitement about returning to the fray, while wistfully re-membering the days when it was all rather less complicated. "When we released the first album," says Shawn Stock-man of 1991's Cooleyhighharmony. "the R&B singing group wasn't prominent, so the record label was open to anything. They didn't know what direction to go in anyway. They just let us do our thing. So we released it, and it blew up. Everyone was sur-prised by the success." Cooley-highharmony sold nine mil-

lion copies in America alone. "After that came a resurgence of a lot of other groups." says Stockman, "so the pressure got a little deeper. When our second album did what it did |an even more boggling 12 million Stateside], the pressure grew even greater."

ut none of that everheightening expectation has stopped them savouring the careers they used to dream of at their own "Fame" academy, Philadelphia's High School of Creative and Performing Arts. It was there that Boyz II Men were founded in 1988. The new album contains an affectionate nod to those salad days with a fine a cappella version of Can You Stand The Rain, the song which helped to secure their record deal after they adopted it as a latter-day, street-corner harmony foursome.

"It's pretty much the song that changed our lives," says Stockman. "With every album, we want to do at least one a cappella song, even just for our satisfaction, to know

we've still got the pipes."

Stockman and fellow member Wanya Morris admit their debt to R&B's old-school groups, several of whom are still thriving and, in turn, are happy to be passing the torch to a group which shares their entertainment values. "Pioneers back then helped groups like us do what we do," says Stockman. "I like to watch older groups perform. They've been doing it so many years. they go by the book, they do all the right things on stage.

other things, and this is a very well-rounded album. We get on stage and we do dance, and we do have fun. We're not just

laidback, singing cry-babies." But in one detail, at least, Boyz II Men are old-fashioned young men. Working at a those guys every once in a while, we go backstage and rudderless Motown, they cannot help but ponder how much talk to the O'Jays or the Whispers and they always sweeter it would have been in the creative alliance of the great days of Tamia, when is really inspiring." And Mor-ris adds, with a smile: "They call us 'little brother'." every soul fan was on firstname terms with Berry. Stevie, Marvin, Smokey et al. But Boyz II Men are by no

"It would feel good to have not only a successful album, but a successful company that has mega-hits." says Morris, and Stockman adds: "If it was that way, it would alleviate a lot of stress from everyone. The tension is thick. You can see the beads of sweat on everybody's face."

End of the Road. The single 4 Seasons of Lonellness is released on Motown on Sept 8, and the album Evolution "We don't have a problem with being known for bal-lads," he says. "But we do on Sept 22

Genius reborn on the bridge

SONNY ROLLINS The Complete RCA Victor Recordings

(RCA 09026-68675-2) AFTER his famous selfimposed break in the late 1950s, the saxophonist Sonny Rollins returned to recording in 1962 with one of his most enduringly popular albums. The Bridge, named after the location where he practised during his time off. Guitarist Jim Hall was his partner, and their rapport during Rollins's typically robust exploration of standards and the odd original sets the tone for this six-CD set.

The discs over only two years, but the stylistic variety — from sinewy calypsos, through overt modernism in the company of the trumpeter Don Cherry and drummer Billy Higgins, to an

JAZZ ALBUMS

intriguing collaboration with Coleman Hawkins firmly establishes
 Rollins as one of the most Quently imaginative of improvisers.

DAVE DOUGLAS Sanctuary (Avant AVAN 066)

RECORDED OVER TWO August 1996 nights at New York's premier cutting edge jazz venue, the Knitting Factory, this two-CD set features the trumpeter Dave Douglas leading a stellar octet through two hours of fiercely committed music, an exhibarating mix of exuberant freedom and tight but virtuosic discipline. Douglas's linernote nods to figures such as Coltrane, Coleman, Boulez and Schoenberg, but it is to a non-musical source — the Florentine dome-building achievement of Brunelleschi, with its celebrated mixture of improvisational daring and technical genius - that the trumpeter traces his inspiration.

HENRI TEXIER Respect (Label Bleu LBLC 6612

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HM 83) THE title was inspired by

the feelings of French bassist Henri Texter for his collaborators: the valve trombonist Bob Brookmeyer, alto player Lee Konitz, electric bassist Steve Swallow and drummer Paul Motian. Each band member contributes two compositions, so the ground covered ranges from Motian's subtle semi-abstraction to Brookmeyer's gently propulsive straight-ahead uneful-ness. But the band nevertheless manages to assert its individuality — a highly attractive brand of elegant, understated virtuosity — in all it plays.

CHRIS PARKER

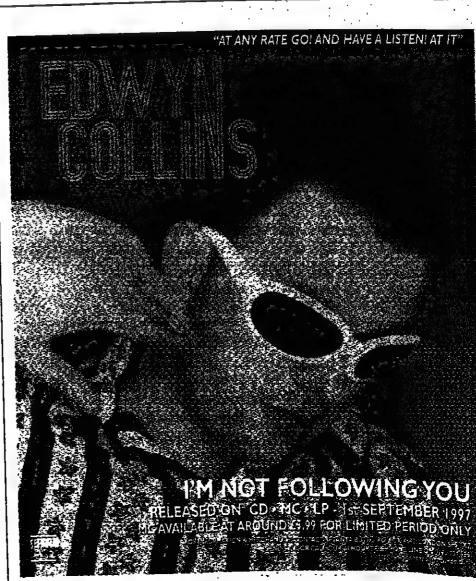




The classic Rumours line-up reunited. 'The Dance' is a recording of a special one-off concert from earlier this year, featuring many of the bonds all time classics.

includes 'The Chain', 'Dreams', 'Rhiannon', "I'm So Afraid", "Tusk", "Go Your Own Way", 'Everywhere', as well as brand new material. Released August 25th





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Never saw a comeback like this before

NEW POP ALBUMS: The continuing resurgence of Edwyn Collins gives Alan Jackson a nice warm glow

I'm Not Following You (Setanta SET CD 039 E12.99) THE return of Edwyn Collins two years ago, with his irresistible single A Girl Like You, represented one of recent pop's most welcome Lazarus acts. And, on the evidence of this exceptionally spirited, diverse and winning LP, the one-time Orange Juice man has been further invigorated by its suc-

His fourth solo album, I'm Not Following You, is mouthy, opinionated, super-confident and often either funny, pointed or both, it also represents a veritable jukebox of musical influences, some paraded nakedly, others hammered into submission, subverted and reshaped into some new Collins nautant.

There are potential singles a-go-go, and enough pot shots taken at sacred cows [Keep On Burning and Adidas World among them) to upset not only Angry of Tunbridge Wells but also Supercool of Notting Hill Gate. All in all, it's a bit of a. triumph, and a lot of fun to hoot. He's lost his quilf but regained his edge, and the

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Much Love (WEA 3984 200202 £13,99) FAMOUSLY discovered while improvising on a Hammersmith Tube station platform

Influence, the 18-year-old Shola Ama scored a major hit earlier this summer with her version of the Randy Crawford success, You Might Need

Somebody.

Cruel though it may be to say so, thanks was due largely to the enduring appeal of that song, and its neatly updated arrangement: the young vocalist is as yet no great shakes as an interpreter, and her version lacked the verve and jazz-informed authority which made Crawford's original the

Happily, as this debut alhum shows, Ama sounds much more at home amid those more loose-limbed if formulaic soul grooves she has penned herself, in collaboration with various other writers. There is a pleasingly cohesive mood to the 11 new tracks here, despite their relative lyrical anonymity. Time and experience are what she needs to build on her undoubted potential.

GENESIS

Calling all Stations (Virgin GENCD 6 £14.49) IN WHICH Ray Wilson, for-menty frontman with No 1 hit wonders Stiltskin, replaces a departed Phil Collins to be-Genesis's 15-studio-album history.

- And a good enough job he makes of it too: his voice sounds uncannily familiar

ively an amalgam of various other pop-rock chestbeaters of the 1970s and 1980s.

His ball and chain, though, is the jaw-droppingly joyless selection of material handed to him by surviving members Mike Rutherford and Tony Banks. The title track gets the show off to an efficiently portentous start, but things rapidly head downhill into either banality or bombast. Four tracks, each in dire need of editing, clock in at more than seven minutes; others are more compact, but are hobbled by cliched lyrics and a

relentlessly downbeat tone. The cumulative effect, given the production's expensive but oddly dated feel, is that Calling all Stations sounds like Toto in a depression — hardly a happening 1997 vibe.

RICKIE LEE JONES Ghostyhead (Reprise 9362-46557-2 £15.49)

LIKE fellow American Suzanne Vega, Jones has consistently subverted expectations of how a singer-songwriter should behave, let alone a woman with an acoustic guitar. Although her distinctively drawled vocals can give a mistaken impression of laziness and self-indulgence, she is one of her genre's most progressive exponents, here incorporating trip-hoppery, techno beats and all manner of squeaky-squawky electronic noises into her familiar folk-



Edwyn Collins's I'm Not Following You is a veritable jukebox of musical influences, some paraded nakedly, others hammered into submission

and exciting era of British

Co-producing the album herself with Rick Boston, she instantly establishes the blissed-out, meandering mood with Little Yellow Town, and goes on to offer some typically idiosyncratic and above aver-

age songs, Firewalker and Sunny Afternoon among

The relative sameness of

tone and pace may cause nondevotees to fall before the final fence, but this lyrically and sonically ambitious set - her first studio release in four years — more than deserves the attention of established

SOUL II SOUL Time for Change

IT IS now eight years since Keep on Moving provided Jazzie B's musical collective with its first Top Ten hit, and

threatened to usher in a fresh

soul. That track's enduring appeal is underlined each time Nicole taunts Papa in the television ads to which it is a soundtrack, but there is little

(Island BRCD 264 £13.99)

gressive new territories that. perhaps sadly, leave the mellow grooves and inspirational other evidence of the brave messages of this latest album TOP TEN ALBUMS

new world it threatened.

America took its ball back,

moving black music into ag-

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Radiohead (Parlophone)
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sounding almost quaintly oldfashioned in comparison. There is no question that it is sure-footed and distinctive.

and boasts excellent vocals from a variety of artists. particularly Ray Simpson talthough whether it was wise to kick off with a lengthy but undistinguished instrumental is open to debatel. But that it will alter Soul II Soul's now rather marginalised status seems unlikely.

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Wail with the original Nashville cats

NOWADAYS, Nashville may be synonymous with cowboy hats and country music, but back in the Fiftles it rocked to a pioneers, Cyril Davies, shows.

different beat — the plane and Knights of the Blues Table different beat - the plane and sax led boogies found on Wall Daddyl Nashville Jump Blues (Ace CDCHD 653) local Excello label, including a Eisenhower on Drive Soldiers to a great name. Drive by Little Maxie Bailey. and the raucous Chicken Hearted Woman by Clarence Samuels featuring the great, and sadly late, Johnny Cope-

land on guitar.

Over in Britain, the blues boom of the early 1960s was nurtured by more mainstream influences as the tribute alburn to one of the movement's BLUES ALBUMS

(Vicercy 54189-2) includes a nost of those early names including Georgie Fame, Paul Dozens of now largely forgot Jones. Peter Green and, help-ten black accepted for the ing. out on harmonica as ing: out on harmonica as brother Chris sings, one Mick Jagger It's a worthy memorial

Chicago was a big influence on Davies and it is Little Mack Simmons, a survivor from the Windy City's golden days, who impresses on Little Mack is Back (Electra-Fi 3355, distributed by Red Lick, 01766 512151). He tackles a clutch of self-composed numbers and classics such as Eddie Boyd's Five Long Years.

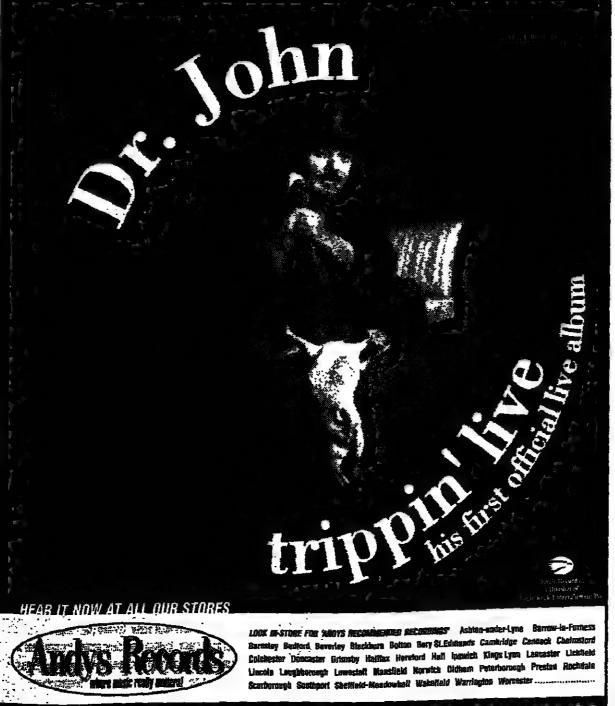
It is Memphis rather than Chicago which holds sway over the Walter Trout Band's new album, Positively Beale Street (Provogue PRD 71042). Guitarist Trout has had his ups and downs since he left John Mayall in 1989, but he a release which mixes hard rockers with slower tracks such as the Dave Williamspenned Let Me Be The One.

For prewar fans, the release of the month must be the reissue on one CD of the two volumes of Blue Guitars, the classic 1920s tracks by Eddie Lang and Lonnie Johnson that were first collected onto vinyl in the 1960s (Beat Goes On

BGOCD327). Jazz guitarist Lang and blues pioneer Johnson provided the perfect partnership, aided on various occasions by Louis Arm-strong, King Oliver and the gruff-voiced Texas Alexander. You couldn't really call Mickey Lee Lane a blues

artist, even though he covers Little Richard's Tutti Frutti on Rockin On ... And Beyond (Rollercoaster RCCD 3014), a retrospective of a 40-year career in the music business. The son of a cantor, he achieved fleeting success with the dance craze disc Shappy Dog in the early 1960s. But you can't help but be captivated by a life story spent on the fringes of pop stardom.

JOHN CLARKE



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reduce the damage caused by drugs.

There is good reason for this. The

logic of the legalisation argument is

flawed. The increase in drug misuse

over the past 25 years does not justify

abandoning any law which tries to control drugs. International conven-

tions underpin the drugs controlled

by the 1971 Act - reflecting world-

ide concerns about drug misuse.

The Government is not on a moral

ego trip in controlling drugs such as

heroin and cocaine: most people are

well aware of their extremely danger-

ous physical and psychological ef-

fects. Those who argue that cannabis

and Ecstasy are no more dangerous

than alcohol or tobacco are discount-

ing the growing evidence about their

short and long-term health risks. And

the consequences of drug misuse do not anyway just affect the person who

chooses to take them. Whatever the

legal framework, the demand for

drugs would still fuel demand for

Ann Taylor, who chairs the Cabinet's drugs committee, insists that the narcotics war is not lost

Blair can't let Labour become a stupid party

The Government ignores ideas, say intellectuals. John Lloyd disagrees

require intellectuals about them. Harold Wilson leant on the academic economists Lords Balogh and Kaldor, and had two - Anthony Crosland and Richard Crossman - in his Cabinets at different times. James Callaghan made use of the talents of his son-in-law, the economic commentator Peter Jay, to give intellectual support to his espousal of what came to be

odern Prime Minis-

known as monetarism. Margaret Thatcher blew away the belief in smart society that the Tories were stupid by surrounding herself with intellectuals - the economists Patrick Minford, Alan Walters and Ralph Harris; the historians Hugh Thomas and Norman Stone: the journalists Ferdinand Mount and John O'Sullivan. Even John Major. who had seemed to have little taste for free-ranging discussion, would prevail on the historian Martin Gilbert to drop by, or come with him on

New Labour should have been — said it was going to be
— the fusion of politics with intellectual life. Tony Blair, in Opposition, had conversations with every kind of anti-Tory intellectual - the sociologist Ralf Dahrendorf from the Liberal Democrats: the political scientist David Marquand of the Social Democrat tradition: "old" Labourites such as John Earwell who had advised Neil Kinnock on economic matters, and Raymond Plant who had thought deeply on the constitution: the historian Eric Hobsbawm and the writer Martin Jacques from the eurocommunist strand round the seminal Marxism Today: all were there, waiting to be

consulted.

Blair's circle put out many more feelers to the intelligentsia than any leader had done before. Indeed, it set up a structure to organise intellectuals into a new Labourist relationship. It was called Nexus. run by Neal Lawson, who then worked for the Tory adman and raconteur Tim Bell. Nexus had some real stars in its firmament, such as the philosopher John Gray. who had been a Thatcherite, and Anthony Giddens, who had been a Marxist, but who by the time I saw them both. in action at a Nexus seminar in Oxford last summer — had cross-dressed, with Gray to the "left" of Giddens.

But now it seems the bridge to the brainy has been thrown too far, and there is a retreat. The historian Ben Pimlott, biographer of Harold Wilson and the Queen, wrote in last week's Sunday Times that "there has never been a time when the Labour Party has been less interested in ideas". Finton O'Toole, the Irish Times columnist, confirmed Pimion's view by observing (in the course of a piece on the fall of Charles Haughey) that ideology had been "translated by Tony Blair into its perjorative synonym, dugma" and that Labour now lacked "a serious

This is profoundly wrong. It is a misperception based on a view of lively, intellectual politics as needing a clash between established lefts and rights and that clearly no longer happens, either between Labnur and the main opposition parties or, in the old way. within the party itself. It is bolstered by a summer in which the news was made by personality clashes and set

against the background of a party leadership more than usually concerned to give an image of a monolithic unity which suppresses debate whether on the constitution,

But this is an intellectual

party, which is not to say and in some senses is the opposite of saying - that it is an intellectuals' party. Its senior figures do their own thinking, and pick and mix from a range of personalities and policy ideas without - as yet - being too much beholden to any. Blair. Peter Mandelson, Robin Cook and especially Gordon Brown have had plenty of time to work out the broad lines of what they think, and wish no one to do it for them. Above all. they do not wish to be confined to the ranks of the "left-wing" intelligentsia: they often prefer

the right-wing kind. There is much more to this than personal taste and habit. The nature of the new Labour project enforces intellectual daring - or it will fail. That is because the Government has set up a series of contradictions which can only be resolved (and will probably never be wholly resolved) through new thinking, underpinning new approaches.

In education, Labour wants

to marry discipline and academic rigour with the comprehensive ideal of putting all abilities through one school and giving all the maximum chance of success. In the area of law and order, it wants to combine severity on criminality of all kinds with liberalism in the area of gay rights. It wants to end social exclusion but is uncertain of how much coercion it will have to use to ensure that all who can, work. It has embarked on the furthest-reaching devolution of power from the centre of any government since the 1920s and wants to secure the Kingdom as a United one. It wants to become more successful in being a trading nation than at any stage in its postwar past and demands that standards of ethics be raised in the sale of

mpossible? Yes, of course but the exciting part is how much of an impossible series of ambitions proves to be possible: how far, that is, new Labour can remould Britain in something of its image. It may collapse in cynicism. leaving a Government conducting a series of modulations on late Thatcherism. There are many who think so: indeed, both Pimlott and O'Toole presage that, in saying new Labour is empty of

But I do not think it can collapse. The Cabinet has men and women who are more powerfully ambitious and egocentric than most - driven by politics, by achievement and the desire for success. Their nightmare is failure.

Beyond the personal lies the need for ideas, concepts, pro-posals and wheezes to bring the contradictions in Labour's policies closer together, and in so doing to hammer out a new shape to policy and its imple-mentation. Labour may aspire to blandness; the glimpse into its private life shows monsters of vanity clashing in the jungle clearings. But they cannot help it: they have to be clever,

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It is always difficult for any discussion on drugs to be conducted in a calm and rational way and when it is precipitated by the tragic shooting of a five-year-old boy it is not surprising that some of the analysis is somewhat blurred.

As chair of the Cabinet subcommittee on drugs misuse, I welcome any debate about how society should deal with the problems of drugs, but I am concerned at some of the misconceptions that have entered into parts of the debate in recent days.

For example, some drug users take drugs in what they believe is a controlled recreational way, which leads some people to say: "You won't beat drugs, so learn to live with them." Too many parents of youngsters for whom this approach has gone wrong can testify to the dangers of turning a blind eye. The recent debate has focused on

Misuse of Drugs Act still a reasonable basis for our approach? And second: should we be tough on or sympathetic to those who use drugs? The fact that the Police Foundation has established a new inquiry has raised the issue of reviewing the 1971 Act. However, there is already an independent and highly respected expert body — the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs - which

regularly reviews drugs laws and

reports to government on key issues.

two related issues. First, is the 1971

won't legalise drugs firmly believe we already know enough to start to contain and then drugs war is lost". Tough enforcement does have an impact on the availability of drugs and the demand among young people. But being tough in enforcing the law is by no means incompatible with supporting addicts or educating our young people to make informed judgments.

Why this Government

Let us be clear about what is going on in the real world. "Half of the population under the age of 30 has used or is using illegal drugs," wrote Simon Jenkins on this page two days ago. Correct. But this disingenuously implies regular bouts of drug-taking among vast numbers of young people. Not so, Next month's British Crime Survey results for 1996 - the most authoritative ment of drug trends - high-

young people do not and will not take illegal drugs, most of those who have will only ever try them once or twice. So let us not patronise young people, and assume that they are all "tnad for it". Many young people are already quite clear that their lives are

light the fact that, while half of our

"buzz" of mind-altering substances. There is increasing evidence that local initiatives — involving parents, communities, agencies and young people themselves — provide the information and skills that youngsters need to take sensible decisions.

For those who do get caught in the drugs trap, we need to ensure that the right counselling and treatment ser-vices are available. That is precisely why my Home Office colleagues -ludicrously stereotyped by Simon Jenkins - are pushing forward to give courts the power to make a drug testing and treatment order, designed to get drug offenders out of the crime and dependency cycle. It is desperately important that while we are tough on enforcement, we are also sympathetic and positive in the help we give to those who want to escape the drugs

trap.
This Government has already taken measures to develop local Drug Action Teams across the country, to reverse threatened cuts to 300

root causes of long-term drug misuse - particularly unemployment and deprivation - not least through the Welfare to Work initiative.

But more is clearly needed. That is why the Prime Minister will soon be appointing a Drug Tsar — the UK Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator - who will report directly to him. Working across Government and with agencies and communities, this key figure will review what is already in place and swiftly put forward a new strategy that maximises all our resources and energies.

Look ahead ten years. Any step along the legalisation route and we can be sure that both demand for and use of drugs would massively increase - with no let-up in organised crime - along with the creation of a dulled, unnealthy, selfish society, desperate for the "buzz". This would be a deeply worrying prospect

I see the future somewhat differently. In ten years' time illegal drugs will not have disappeared. But young people and their parents will be better informed, treatment will be there for those who need it and dealers will have a dwindling market. But this will come about only if we continue to be tough on enforcement against drugs and provide the opportunities to give young peuple more hope for the future.

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The Bolivian birthday party

By the shores of Lake Titicaca, we sat down and ate. Above us, the Andes . . .

here did you spend your last birthday? Mine, my 48th, just passed, began the tin roof of the barracks-like Hotel Ferrocarril - the Railway Hotel - in a grey dawn on the northern shore of Lake Titicaca, in the passionless and dirty town of Puno, Peru.

Not everywhere remote and strange is exotic, and the Andean Altiplano is not exotic. Freezing by night and windswept by day, this great flat waste of brown grass and thin soil, scratched at by Indians on their tiny plots of potatoes, is raised up 13,000ft above sea level. There it lies, its human and animal population gasping for ox-

ygen, between two massive ranges of snowy mountains. Over one lies the Amazon basin, over

its nose to an icy sky, redeemed only when a fierce sun burns through and the blue waters and green reeds of the vast inland sea of a lake catch fire and dissolve in a shower of sparks.

But on my birthday morning the sun never found me. Awoken by the familiar ache of an upset stomach, I woke the others at seven and promised to rejoin them at breakfast after scouting for bus times and tickets to Bolivia. By 7.15 I had established that the only bus was at 7.30 and it had eight seats left. There were six of us, Julian, Adrian, Pierre, Louis, Matt and I, and we were abroad, rucksacks on the roof, by 7.25.

The lake shore slipped by. As we passed the three great ruined Jesuit churches at Juli - their Baroque Indian stonework choked by weeds and their mois and altars open to the birds - Matt's head banged against the window of the elderly bus. He had been sick but was recovering. Matt has only two modes: unconscious, or "Wow! Let's climb that mountain!" For him Peru and Bolivia exist only as do settings to a diamond, the precious stone being any one of the Andes' countless peaks. Our aim is to climb Illimani (21.120ft), but Matt thinks he may throw in a few other 20,000ft-plus mountains too.

Pierre gazed at one such, across the lake, as we rattled on. Pierre was dressed in his Day-Glo orange oilrigger's boiler suit, as is his wont, and Yorkshire flat cap and snow-goggles. The outfit has been causing amazement and confusion among the Indians, who find his height and ginger hair extraordinary enough. The children love him and the girls

regard him as an object of wonder. At the border with Bolivia we stopped to change money and admire the ambition if not the know-how of the aldermen of Yunguyo, who had commissioned topiarists to turn some moth-eaten conifer bushes in the town square into llamas, without success. I wished Simon Jenkins were with me to witness so heart-warming a demonstration of civic pride even in a savage land.

At the frontier this time, all was quiet. Not so the last time I was here, in days when prices of staple foodstuffs were controlled in both countries. An unexpected official rise in

pasta prices by the Peruvian Governed in Bolivia, had of illicit pasta shipland borders between the two, Indi-

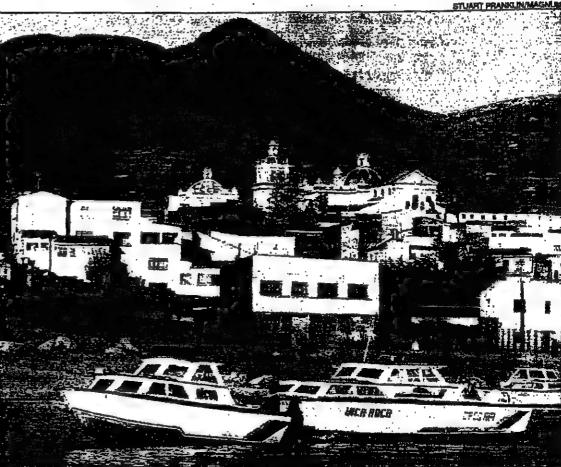
running, tripping and dragging huge sacks of the stuff from Bolivia, to sell in the square in Yunguyo, as the topiary llamas gazed down. This was the first time I had seen pastasmuggling on any vigorous scale but now the spaghetti pirates were out of business, sidelined by Thatcherite regimes in Peru and Bolivia, de-regulated groceries, and a global market in macaroni. I wished Anatole Kaletsky were with me to see this living exhibition of the inevitability of Adam Smith.

Being landlocked, Bolivia has only one coast, and that is the southern shores of Lake Titicaca. There is only one resort on these shores and that is Copacabana. The dusty little town is bit of a mess, being the site of a huge cathedral encasing the sacred carving of the Virgin of Copacabana, an ill-planned straggle of boarding houses and cheap hotels, a fledgeling industry of lakeside pedalo-operators, leaky-boat-hirers and fried-trout vendors, and a small unit of the Bolivian Navy. The result is a confused jigsaw of Lourdes and Cleethorpes, with a dash of Portsmouth thrown in. You can climb the little hill jutting into the lake, passing the stations of the Cross and carrying, to the shrine on top, small replicas of the material blessings you crave. Stalls below sell little model houses and bundles of miniature US dollar bills. My companions were unkind enough to propose buying me an Action Man doll to carry up and

place there. By the shore you can wash your lorry or bus in the Titicaca waters,

has spent more than £18 million

will be displayed at the gallery.



Copacabana, Lake Titicaca: a confused jigsaw of Lourdes and Cleethorpes, with a dash of Portsmouth

anoint the screen and bumpers with paper flowers, and pay a priest to sprinkle holy water over the bonnet This will ward off road accidents. The Catholic Church has been canny, sidling up to the Inca mysteries of Titicaca with mysteries of her own; just as the Inca priesthood, discovering that the pre-inca civilisation they had conquered worshipped the island of the Sun. (off Copacabana). announced that here their own God, the Sun himself, had come to earth in the human form of their own ruler. Now the Virgin herself has been installed, in ettigy, in the Cathedral, and the Incas' descendants queue to

see her, and boy holy water.
But all to no avail. The decline of Catholic piety in the Ander is as unstoppable as the onward march of the eucalyptus tree. One introduced genus replaces another. Where is it all going? I wished I had William

Rees-Mogg with us, to tell me. We ate trout and waved a temporary goodbye to Matt and Adrian, off to scale a few preliminary peaks to keep their hand in: Adrian (Julian's much taller and slightly younger brother), affable and unassertive, in the way of slightly younger brothers. Matt bright-eyed with enthusiasm for the slops. They looked like a labrador and a terrier, trotting off to find something big, and scramble up it. We four — Julian, Louis, Pierre

and I - were bound for the Island of : the Sun. You can get there direct from Copacabana in about two hours in outboard-motor-powered launch. But you can also walk the seven-odd miles to Yampupata at the headland, and pay a boatman to row you the half mile across to the island. We

would walk to Yampupata. But now the sun did break through: Loaded with all our belongings and 40th rucksacks; with Julian sickening from the same short malady I was recovering from, he and I soon tired, Pierre (still in orange) and the strong and ever good-natured Louis bounding ahead. Even their bound shortened, however, as webegan a steep climb up an ancient Inca stone path, in the afternoon glare. The lake shimmered silver beneath us.

When we rejoined it we were ready to stop. Still a mile short of Yampupata we found a tiny pinkpointed house, announcing itself to be an hostal. Did they have beds? Yes, said Rosemary, the young and pretty Indian girl who seemed to run the place. She was 14, she told us, adding (with a sidelong glance at Pierre) that she might marry when she was 28. She showed us into one tiny room with two mattresses made from flour sacks and covered with blankets. "Two in one," she said, "and two in the other." Reader, some

of us were straight and some of us were gay, but if you imagine there was anything even remotely erotic in this prospect, then you have no understanding of the evaporation of sexual longing under combat conditions. Rosemary made us a good meal of fried egg and rice and told us about her family, then departed.

t being my birthday we cracked open two miniature plastic bottles of Scotch and one of yodka, liberated from United Airlines. Happily the cell was undecorated (a previous room in Peru had been enlivened by a kindly landlady with a government health poster about the treatment of psoriasis and eczema, with illustrations) and as our candle guttered out (there was no electricity) drifted to sleep as the rain began

The story of how for \$8 we were rowed to the Island of the Sun by Rosemary's uncle, who was 70, in a tiny boar, how the wind and waves almost defeated us in mid-straits: how I wished Libby Purves were there to advise on boating; and how Louis and Pierre saved the day in a joint-rowing tour de force ... must

await another day.

This one, my 48th birthday, ended as it began, half-conscious in a strange place, sleet bucketing onto a tin roof above me.

Flying again

nudged, winked and said no more. the Monty Python team is planning resurrecting the Flying Circus has been overcome and a new film is on The five surviving Pythons ~



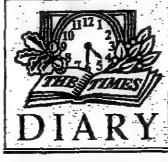
The full monty: Terry Jones

Gilliam, Terry Jones and Eric Idle - have been secretly plotting the ultimate comedy comeback. The last Python production was the film The Meaning of Life in 1983. Terry Jones takes up the story:

"We all met at the Cliveden hotel two or three months ago. It was the first time the five surviving Pythons had met in 15 years. We spent the afternoon tossing ideas about, stayed the night and chatted until lunch the next day. It was great being together again."

John Goldstone, the producer behind The Life of Brian and The Meaning of Life, says: "It will be another six months before it is feasible. We just need to get the team together to make it possible and we need a script."

Speculation about a new Python film was rife three years ago on the Circus's 25th birthday. But John Cleese torpedoed the idea saying: We'd never agree on style." Perhaps now he feels it's time for something completely different.



● A corridor in the Palace Westminster where Peter Mandelson has an office is overflowing with bags of mail for the Minister with an ever-expanding portfolio. However, word has it that when he gets back from his hols he'll be very crabby: after Labour's "awful August" it is by no means all fan mail.

Branching out

STILL set on swelling his family coffers, Mark Getty, son of the billionaire philanthropist John P. Getty II, is opening an art gallery in Chelsea. Since founding his picture-distribution company Getty Communications in 1993, Getty, 36,

buying three photo-libraries including that of Edward Hulton, founder of the now defunct Picture Past magazine. The collection includes images by Man Ray, Alfred Eisenstadt and Robert Capra and

Big mover

FEVERISH excitement in Faversham, Kent. where locals believe the heavyweight film star Marlon Brando is about to move into a home within waddling distance of Bob Celdof.

The star of The Godfather is said by residents to be buying a proper-ty and has installed himself at the Mechanic's Arms. "Mr Brando spent three hours in here one Saturday night," says the landlady, Sarah Apps.

"He had several Scotches and chatted to our regulars. I recognised him and so did several others, but nobody said anything because they did not want to make a fuss and embarrass him. He said he would be coming back." The place should be mobbed.

In a spin

LAST-minute adjustments may have to be made to the timetable of the Rolling Stones' year-long world four so that Mick Jagger can take time off. The craggy old rocker. who was recently suggested as an ideal ambassador for Help the



"Stop now Miss McPherson...

Aged is finally living up to his responsibilities, he wants to be at the birth of his fourth child by his wife, Jerry Hall. She is expecting in December, just three months after the tour begins. "Mick is obviously very much looking forward to being with Jerry at the birth, re-gardless of the schedule," says a tour insider. "We might be the offier side of the world by then, but I suppose he'll get his way."

Just dandy

FOR all his statesmanlike pretensions Tony Blair has proved to have more comic potential, than any of his predecessors. Yesterday he became the first Prime Minister to appear in The Beano.

Blair features in the cartoon about a young tearaway called hy The Terrible and is depicted with Cherie and Humphrey the Downing Street cat watching the young scamp playing street hockey outside No to. Fortunately, the identity of Blair, who is believed to be the first PM to appear in the comic since it began in 1938, is made clear by the speech balloons. Caricanne is clearly not the artist's strong



Comic pair: Blair and Cherie

point. "It's not a particularly good likeness, admits Euan Kerr, the editor. But he's not an easy one to do- It just came into the scriptwriter's head to put him in. We don't have any political affiliation." Nevertheless, Downing Street is delighted. " The Beano doesn't come in with our regular papers.

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TALK, OR WALK?

Ministers must help Trimble out of his dilemma

In the Northern Ireland peace process, as in-European negotiations, determined Governments can wear down scepticism to make the unacceptable the inevitable. The Government's decision to admit Sinn Fein to talks on Northern Ireland's future, expected in an announcement later today, is no less unsettling for being so widely advertised. It is a remarkable concession from a democratic state. Armed terrorists will be invited to shape the future of the United Kingdom without having to surrender a single bullet or dilute their revolutionary aims.

Sinn Fein's admission to talks has hinged on its "complete" cessation of violence, but nothing has been demanded of republicans to ensure that the price of entry to negotiations is the permament abandonment of violence. The IRA has maintained a ceasefire for just short of six weeks, but that says more about its Leninist discipline than its peaceful intentions. The Government hopes Sinn Fein's entry to talks will not leadthe Unionist leader David Trimble to walk.

out. But why should he stay?

Mr Trimble is a formidable negotiator and sincere in his desire for peace, but he would find himself in a forum without allies. The talks to which Sinn Fein have been admitted are supposed to be "all-party", but the terms of the party's entry have already ensured the walkout of the Democratic. Unionists and the UK Unionists.

They not only have principled objections to negotiating with armed terrorists, they also have practical reasons for believing that republicans are dictating the direction of the peace process. Most recently, last week, the Government agreed to Sinn Fein demands for a relaxation in the conditions for republican prisoners, only days after the Irish police discovered an IRA bomb factory with sophisticated electronic equipment in a state of operational readiness.

Unionist concerns were supposed to be a confidence in the peace process.

addressed by the establishment of a body to oversee the decommissioning of paramilitary weapons. The handover of republican arms during talks would show a concrete commitment to peace on the part of Sinn Fein and the IRA. Yet, with less than a formight to go before talks start, the decommissioning body has no chairman, no agreed method of operation and no means of ensuring that terrorists hand over anything other than position papers.

Those who argue that Mr Trimble has no option but to enter this briar patch give warning that he will be cast as the intransigent party in the eyes of inter-national and establishment opinion. But what has international and establishment opinion ever done for the Unionists? What force outside Ulster has acted as a brake on concessions to republican demands?

There is a powerful case for a principled Unionist refusal to discuss the future of this democracy with armed terrorists. There are however, still persuasive arguments for participation. Sinn Fein's refusal to accept the principle of consent in talks will only properly be exposed by vigorous Unionist advocates. A Unionist presence at the table should make it more difficult for London and Dublin to agree a nationalist settlement in the North over the heads of the parties and then bend all their energies to selling it in a one-off referendum. In the two weeks to come Mr Trimble must weigh each argument very carefully. It may be that the wisest course is participation in proximity talks which do not require direct contact with Sinn Fein. He would not, however, be in such a difficult position if the Government had taken the right risk for peace and shown greater strength in demanding decommissioning. If the Government wants to ensure Mr Trimble's participation in talks then it must act soon to enhance Unionist

GORE'S CHALLENGE

Principles at stake in the race to succeed Clinton

This week's revelation that the American Vice-President, Al Gore, was deeply involved in questionable fundraising for the Democratic campaign will seriously complicate his race for the White House in 2000. For Republicans, his predicament offers a new reason to pull their feuding ranks together. They should seize the chance, although for politicians who profess respect for incentives they are currently behaving as if immune to the lure of power. For President Clinton, the desire to help Mr Gore might tempt him to compromise on policies which have evolved into a coherent and achievable programme. That is a trap he should resist.

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According to a Senate committee, Mr Gore made more than 80 calls to potential. donors, who later gave \$3.7 million to the Democratic campaign. It is no surprise that Mr Gore played a central role in the mammoth cash-raising exercise that dominated the 1996 campaign. Nor do the calls. appear illegal. But they add to the unsavoury picture which has formed in many Americans' minds of Washington politicians so desperate for cash that they will cold-call any business leader or lawyer who graces the cover of a magazine.

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Images stick, as Mr Gore found earlier this year when it emerged that his visit to a Buddhist temple was a fundraising event. A charismatic, fluent politician such as Mr Clinton can dispatch such symbols but Mr Gore's persistent woodenness has left him vulnerable to bad publicity.

The contaminating effect of the fundraising scandals is one reason why Mr Gore now looks so nervous that Richard Gephardt, leader of the Democratic minority in the House of Representatives, will put up a formidable challenge for the party nomination. In an attempt to appeal to Mr

Gephardt's supporters with labour unions and the liberal wing of the party, Mr Gore has been tripping over himself to emphasise workers' rights, departing from the Administration's carefully reserved stance. He also appears to be muffling his message on the environment, one of his strongest campaign issues, because unions fear that new taxes to combat global warming could cost jobs.

To secure the Democratic nomination in 1992, Mr Clinton also tried to straddle the party's many factions; that is one reason why the policies of his first two years were so confused, even contradictory. Now, with his eyes on his place in the history books, his interests diverge from Mr Gore's.

The imminent conflict is over trade policy. When Congress resumes next week, Mr :Clinton wants it to renew "fast-track authority" for trade agreements. This requires Congress to accept or reject trade Bills in their entirety, without time-consuming amendments. To win Republican approval. Mr Clinton will almost certainly have to promise that provisions to safeguard the environment and labour rights will not be woven into trade Bills as they were in the North American Free Trade Agreement. That concession is unlikely to suit Mr Gore. but it is one Mr Clinton should make. His commitment to open trade, reflected in ambitious international agreements, is

likely to be one of his most valuable legacies. The constraint of working with a Republican-controlled Congress has forced Mr Clinton to evolve a clear, centrist programme. He should not now abandon that. Nor should Mr Gore. He is indissolubly linked in the public mind with the Clinton Administration. He should neither deny his part in its controversies, nor squander his association with its considerable success.

DUFFERS AFLOAT

For those in folly on the sea

As an island nation, Britain has a proud lineage of swashbuckling seafarers. From the great Elizabethan mariners Hawkyns and Drake to Sir Robin Knox-Johnston in the present day, Britannia has long striven to rule the waves. The Newman family, who earlier this year sank all their savings into a yacht and set off to sail around the world, belonged to this tradition. But their air-sea rescue on Wednesday by HMS Illustrious raises important questions about the wisdom of their actions.

It was Charles II who first introduced to England the idea of sailing as a recreation, rather than as a means of transport. Yachting has since grown into one of Britain's most popular participation sports. It is estimated that some two million people a year board a boat. But a problem arises when, no longer content with just messing about on the river, the more amateur of them decide to put out into wider waters. Certainly it takes courage to embark on such a voyage. "Oak and triple bronze encircled the heart of the man who first committed a frail boat to the cruel sea," wrote Horace. But it takes a certain folly too.

The ocean is unpredictable. Waters such as the Bay of Biscay are notoriously dangerous. Deep Atlantic swells heaving over a steep continental shelf can whip up mountainous waves in a matter of minutes. Weather forecasts are unpredictable. Having set off with a clear sky and a fair wind, a

small boat can find itself quickly floundering. And yachts are increasingly built for speed, not for endurance.

The inexperienced sailor is particularly at risk. Although the Royal Yachting Association offers courses on everything from rudimentary crewing to the toughest navigational and boat-handling skills, there are no regulations to prevent the ambitious but unqualified amateur from setting sail. If they encounter trouble, they rely on others to rescue them.

Seafarers preserve an ancient code of honour. The mayday signal of a stricken craft will always be answered - but often at enormous cost and inconvenience, not to mention risk of life. The Newman family were extremely fortunate that HMS Illustrious, equipped with sophisticated Sea King helicopters and an expert crew, was at hand to help them. But such provisions should never be abused. Those without extensive experience should simply not set sail. Those

who do should not profit from their folly. Air-sea rescue yarns hold high media interest. Stories are sold to the highest bidder. But any earnings by those rescued should go to maintain such valiant rescue organisations as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. And any sailor, fired by a spirit of adventure, should bear in mind the salutary telegram sent to Arthur Ransome's Swallows by their father: "Better drowned than duffers. If not duffers won't drown."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Taxpayers' input into legal costs

From Mr Gregory Stewart

Sir, In the case of Hutber v Gabriele (Law Report, August 19), a private prosecution for common assault, the summons against Mr Gabriele was dismissed and his solicitors applied for £23,000 costs. Having heard representations, the

magistrate allowed costs of £10,000. I do not seek to criticise the level of fees claimed. The purpose of this letter is merely a comparative analysis of fees between City solicitors and the socalled legal-aid "fat cats". If we had represented Mr Gabriele under a legal-aid order the standard fee applicable would have been £326.50 for the entire case, with the addition of £24.75 per hour for travelling and waiting time. The likely total bill would have been about £500.

This comparison may inform the debate over the costs of a publicly funded defence system. I believe we

are extremely good value at £500, What is often missed is that most of the fees charged by City firms are paid by the public indirectly through the cost of the goods they purchase. Most clients are large companies, who simply add legal fees to the price of their product. In this case the taxpayer would have met the costs incurred by

Mr Gabriele's solicitors. I should declare an interest, in that 99 per cent of our work is legally aided criminal defence work.

Yours faithfully, GREGORY STEWART. Brady, Eastwood, Pierce and Stewart (solicitors), Noah's Ark, 229 Deputord High Street, SES. August 22.

Montserrat crisis

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, Your leader today does well to expose the broken-backed machinery for disaster relief inherited by the Government (see also letter, August

Under the Tories, responsibility for these operations rested with a junior minister for development. This could never work because relief, unlike routine development, calls for the collaboration of at least four major departments of state, each of which outgunned the development minister. So the latter ceased to aim for "rapid response" and settled for "measured response", a tempo somewhere between largo and adagio. "Rapid" was left to the charmes.

The new Government creditably tried to solve the problem by putting the development minister in the Cabithat this may be good for development but it is no good for disaster relief.

The deadlock has been broken this

week by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary — the only possible combination for getting rapid action by a group of proud departments. Because both men are extremely busy, their role should be delegated direct to a minister in the Foreign Office. equipped with the same supra-departmental authority as France's highly successful Secretary of State for Humanitarian Action.

HUGH HANNING (Chairman, Fontmell Group on Disaster Relief). 18 Montpelier Road, Blackheath, SE3. August 27.

From Mr Philip Noakes

Sir, I have not revisited Montserrat since I was there on official business in the 1970s; but as one who spent much of my whole working life on Commonwealth and colonial affairs at home and overseas, I can, I hope, claim immunity if I say now that Mrs Short's offers seem fair and reason-

Yours sincerely. PHILIP R. NOAKES, Little St Mary, St Mary's Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

From Mrs Ann Curry

Sir, Fie on Clare Short! The only reason this country colonised Montserrat in the first place was to make loads o' dosh from sugar plantations manned by slaves. This country owes the islanders a fair and well considered plan of assistance.

Yours faithfully. ANN CURRY. 43 Julians Road. Wimborne Minster, Dorset. August 25.

Home work incentives

From Mr A. Binmore

Sir, The Government should offer tax inducements for employers to introduce technology and working practices that would facilitate their employees working at home or at small local satellite offices. At a later date tax penalties could be applied to those employers who could have implemented the technology but failed to do so.

With the rapid changes in technology it may be that a huge investment now in conventional 20th-century solutions (such as public transport) could leave us with an enormous white elephant when the technology of the early 21st century has taken effect.

Yours faithfully. A BINMORE, 7 Dennis Willcocks Close, Newington, nr Sittingbourne, Kent.

Privacy law would help only the rich

From Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission

Sir. Magnus Linklater is right to point to the "nightmare" prospect ("The Princess and our privacy", August 28) of the courts being forced into concocting piecemeal a common law of privacy which Parliament does not want established. But he is wrong on a number of other counts.

He is quite wrong to say that in its adjudication on the complaint from Mr William Zachs the Press Complaints Commission said that the privacy provisions of the industry's code of practice had been broken. We acrually said that because so much in-formation had already been put into the public domain by those involved, no newspaper could be censured. I suspect any court looking at the detail under a privacy law would have had to reach the same conclusion.

This difficult case showed how elusive is the concept of "privacy" in an open society. Once information is in the public domain - in this case, for instance, put there by the surrogate mother of the baby — only a censor could take it out. That is not the sort of world we live in, or want to live in which leads me on to a second point.

There can be no such thing as a satisfactory privacy law which the media could - or should want to - acquiesce in framing. A privacy law is a privacy law. It would be available only to the rich and, what's more, the rich with something to hide. It would do nothing to help ordinary people the sort of people the PCC seeks to help — and would at a stroke destroy the tradition of free and investigative journalism which places, in my view, the best of the British press among the finest in the world.

No doubt exists in my mind that self-regulation of the press, although not perfect, is working - and working increasingly effectively. I said when I took up the job of chairman of the PCC in January 1995 that the press was on trial with me as much as with Parliament.

Since then I have witnessed a steady change in artifudes. Editors do respect the code — which is, in many ways, far tougher than statute ever could be. Far more frequently than any of us could realise, they pull back from printing a story because they would be in breach of it - fearing the condemnation of their own independent watchdog, the stigma of publishing in full a critical adjudication and, ultimately, the censure of their publisher.

The best way, therefore, to protect the privacy of ordinary people is and will remain through self-regulation. Under statute, editors could - I have no doubt - take a chance on the fact that few people would have the money to pursue them in the courts. They do not have that assurance with the PCC, which is why they pull back far more often than they are ever given credit

In short, what problem there still is with intrusion could become worse not better - if there was a privacy law which would inevitably supplant the jurisdiction of the PCC. Mr Linklater seems to want not just to throw out the baby with the bathwater, but the entire bath as well.

Yours etc. WAKEHAM, Chairman, Press Complaints Commission. 1 Salisbury Square, EC4. August 28.

Poor prognosis for doctors' training

From Dr T. R. S. Bailey

Sir. The call by Dr John Wales (letter, August 19) for a review of the future of medical education is very timely, especially as regards the training of doctors - training which hitherto has occurred almost exclusively in teaching hospitals, with bedside clinical teaching playing a major role.

With the reduction in bed numbers and shorter occupancy times it will become progressively more difficult to increase the number of student doctors and to train them in the traditional manner. Furthermore, many chronic disorders — eg, diabetes, hyper-tension, psychiatric illness, asthma are now managed largely in the com-

In the United States, where graduate entry to medical school is the norm, a much greater part of the learning is set in the community and family physicians are much more closely integrated into medical-school faculties. Indeed, some medical students are specifically chosen by the colleges because of their interest in family practice.

At a time when recruitment to general practice is so low we should consider very carefully the future style and content of medical education, as well as its funding and expansion. Yours faithfully,

SIMON BAILEY, Orchard House Surgery. Newmarket, Suffolk. August 19.

From Dr Eric Sidebottom Sir. Dr Wales makes no mention of a

major report on clinical academic careers, commissioned by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, recently undertaken by an independent task force and published last month. Known as the Richards report, this

100-page document highlights the problems for clinical academics of working for two masters - the NHS

Stopped clocks

From Dr John Wall

Sir, Derwent May is right (article, August 22) to largent the state of our public clocks. Nothing is more depressing than the sight of a stopped clock. Their plight is the more apparent since they are in the nature of the case placed prominently in the public view. Something must be done. I was part

of a team which put together a sub-mission to the Millennium Commission for a "Museum of the Measurement of Time". One of its objectives was "to incorporate workshops and facilities for the restoration to working order of wayside clocks which have, sadly, ceased to tell the proper time". Alas, that project has come to nought. May we now urge some other insti-

rution, or some public-spirited philanthropist, to take on board this urgent task? No undertaking could be more appropriate to mark the millennium since both are concerned with the measurement of time itself. How invigorating it would be if

every public clock in the land, or for that matter every private clock in public view, were accurately to announce the beginning of the second millennium. And how ominously disappointing if they do not.

Yours sincerely. JOHN WALL Drystones, 7 Waydale Close. Kirkbymoorside, York. August 23.

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and the universities - both of them under ever increasing financial and workload pressures. It makes 35 recommendations to improve the situa-

While the report accepts that NHS staff contribute much to the teaching of clinical medical students, it also stresses that it is inevitably the academic staff who are responsible for the planning and organisation of that teaching. They also lead much of the clinical research on which progress in the treatment and prevention of disease so much depends, and where the reputation of UK medicine is so high.

In the last year, as secretary to the task force, I visited almost every medical and dental school in the UK. I was greatly impressed both by the vision, determination and entrepreneurial skills of the deans and their teams and by the commitment of a small core of young doctors to following clinical academic careers.

However, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain current standards of medical education if improvements are not made to the structure of these careers. The cohort of the committed academics - driven, we were told, by a strange inner force will not be large enough.

Incidentally, any serious review of medical education, such as Dr Wales proposes, should address the declining proportion of doctors registered to practise in the UK who are also trained here. How many people, I wonder, realise that in 1996 only 38 per cent of doctors taking full registration with the General Medical Council received their medical degree from a UK university, compared with 61 per cent in

Yours sincerely. ERIC SIDEBOTTOM Pain Research Unit. Churchill Hospital, Oxford OX3 7LJ. eric.sidebottom%mailgate.jr2

Family life

From Lieutenant-Commander Donald Watts, RN (retd)

Sir, What a lot of nonsense has been written about the strain supposedly imposed on the marriages of politi-cians and "high flyers" by the de-mands of their jobs and separation from their spouses (Libby Purves's article, August 19; Margaret Cook's letter, August 26). They should my life in the Services. Yours faithfully.

DONALD WATTS. Coastguard Cottage, Lighthouse Close, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Brought to book

From Mr John F. Martin Sir, You publish today (Business) a

photograph showing the chief executive and the finance director of Books, etc, "checking titles in stock". Do you really expect readers to be-lieve that checking book titles is nor-

mally carried out by such senior staff? Was it necessary to take a table, chairs and a few books outside the shop for this purpose, rather than check them on the shelves inside? Why do they have to open the books to check the titles, which are prominently displayed on the dustjackets? I know that this is the silly season,

but pull the other leg. Yours truly. JOHN F. MARTIN,

57 Tycchurst Hill, Loughton, Essex. August 26.

Vegetarian views meet opposition

From Professor R. T. D. Oliver

Sir, While I respect Simon Barnes's view (A meatless diet isn't healthy. just wise". August 231 that factory farming is cruel, I was unable to understand, from what he wrote, why he is averse to eating a wild rabbit. Equally I wonder why he considers animal life superior to plant life, given our Lord's plea to consider the lily of the fields as one of us, and the fact that all animal life depends on plants to

generale our oxygen. I have an omnivorous cat that was made ill by living on an all-meat diet. Recently I observed a lion kill on safari in Kenya and was struck by how the first morsel the pride are was the stomach contents of digested grass. It seems clear that so-called carnivores have a broader palate than conventionally believed. Observing the lions led me to me wonder how herbivores in the field avoid eating insects on the grass and conclude that in the wild all animals are omnivores with a greater or lesser dependence on one or other extreme.

With evidence that pure vegetarians have more anaemia, it is clear that vegetarianism is not good for all of us. however much Simon Barnes may think it is wise.

Yours faithfully, TIM OLIVER (Sir Maxwell Joseph Professor of Medical Oncology), Medical Oncology Department. Ist Floor, King George V Building. St Bartholomew's Hospital. West Smithfield, ECI. August 27.

From Mr Julian Murray-Evans

Sir, Simon Barnes's resort to logic to lay claim to an ethical high ground for vegetarianism is surprising in the extreme. His argument suggests that man is unique in being able to disen-tangle himself from the animal kingdom, implying that he is different from and, perhaps, superior to the creatures about him.

Shocking as it might be to revisionist vegetarians, the eating of meat is simply recognition of the coexistence between species, providing a demonstration of an understanding of our humble place in the ordered structure

Yours sincerely.
JULIAN MURRAY-EVANS. 40 Woodmancote, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. August 24.

No horsewhips

Sir, In an otherwise reasonable article on the etiquette of breaking engagements (August 22) Julian Champkin chose to suggest that "if Mills and Boon historical romances are to be believed, the man stood a fair chance of being horsewhipped as well as sued by the wronged girl's enraged rela-

I have written 25 historical romances for Mills and Boon, and have also read a large number by other authors and I cannot recall such an incident in any of them. If Julian Champkin is unable to give details of titles, chapters and pages to support his assertion, I shall assume that he is simply carrying on the review pages' noble tradition of using Mills and Boon as a literary whipping boy.
On second thoughts perhaps I

ought to thank him for providing me with an original idea for my 26th.

Yours faithfully, PAULA MARSHALL 4! Braunstone Avenue, Leicester. August 22

A-level lit crit From Mr Michael Cole

didate's teacher.

Sir, Adrian Room (letter, August 20) is somewhat unfair to deride an A-level candidate's concluding sentence on Candide as being, possibly, a "catchall closure" recommended by the can-

Even if that were true, the fact that the candidate in question was able to commit to memory a sentence containing one capital letter, four commas, one colon, the word "its" without an apostrophe, and a final full point and then to produce that sentence under examination conditions, with all those eight features correctly employed, each in its correct place seems to me to be ample reason these days to award the candidate an A level in something.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL COLE. 7 Pulleyn Drive, York. August 22.

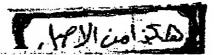
Chinese puzzle

From Mr Stephen V. Straker

Sir, Whilst on holiday in Cornwall recently I bought a pair of cheap sandals. A sticky label was attached to one of the soles giving the following information:

Uppers: other material Lining/sock: other material Outer sole: other material

Yours faithfully, S. V. STRAKER. Cromden Lodge. 5 Manor Road, Reigate, Surrey. At just 26.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 27: The Duke of York today visited Northern Ireland and was received by Mr Anthony Worthington MP (Parliamentary Under-Secre-tary of State, Northern Ireland Office).

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this morning presented the inaugural Colours to the 4th/5th Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers) at St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).

The Duke of York this afternoon presented the prizes at the Royal Ulster Constabulary Annual Sports Day at Newforge Lane. Royal Ulster Constabulary Sports Ground,

His Royal Highness this evening took the Salute at a review of 107 (Ulster) Brigade. commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Territorial Army in Northern Ireland, at the Royal Ulster Society Showgrounds, Balmoral, Belfast, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson). The Duke of York later

presented medals and awards to members of 107 (Ulster) Brigade at 204 Field Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps (Volunteers), Hydebank, Belfast.

August 28: The Duke of York, President, this afternoon presented the prizes at the finals of the Faldo Junior Series at the Forest of Arden Golf Club, Meriden, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant of Warwickshire (Mr Martin Dunne).

His Royal Highness this evening opened the new Grampian Police Office at Tillydrone, Aberdeen, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen (Councillor Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord

Birthdays today

Lord Attenborough, 74: Pro-fessor L. Barden, former Vice-Chancellor, University of 66; Dr Yvonne Burne, Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 50; Mr Michael Clarke, keeper, National Gallery of Scotland, 45: Viscount Devonport, 53; Dame Mary Donaldson, former Lord Mayor of London, 76; Sir Nigel Foulkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 78: Mr William Friedkin, film director, 58; Mr Elliott Gould. actor. 59: Mr Lenny Henry, comedian, 39: Lord Hussey of North Bradley, 74; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 39; Lord King of Warmaby, 79; Mr J.H.M. Mackenzie, former chairman. London and Northern Group, 72; Mr Tony Newton (life peer), former MP, 60; Mr Nicholas Nightingale, national secretary, National Council of YMCAs, 55: Mr Norman Platt, founder, Kent Opera, 77: Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild and Sons, 66: Mr Dick Spring, former Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland, 47.



Les Skipper, left, and Ted De La Mare paint in the RAF roundel on R for Robert, the restored Wellington bomber rescued from Loch Ness 12 years ago and now on display at Brooklands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey. Volunteers have put in 100,000 hours of work and the Wellington, the only one that saw active service to survive, will be on show at Brooklands Aviation Festival and Flying Display on September 7

School news

Queenswood School The Autumn Term at Queenswood begins on Sunday, August 31, with Juliet Usher-Smith as Head Girl and Charlotte Philpott as Deputy Head Girl, Performances of the school play will be at 7.00pm on Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29, and 3.00pm on Sunday, November 30. Full details of this

term's music programme can be obtained from the Music Department. The Carol Service for Gov-ernors and Old Queenswoodians will take place in the Chapel at 10,30am on Saturday, December

St George's School,

Boarders return to St George's School. Ascot. for the Autumn Term on Tuesday, September 2, with Daisy Gurney as Head Girl. St George's Old Girls' Day is on Saturday, September 20. Assessment Days for 1998 entry will be Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, November 8. Term ends with the Carol Service on December 13 at 2pm at Windsor Parish Church

Farriers' Company

Mr Thomas Barker, Master of the Farriers' Company, and Mr Howard Cooper, Chairman of the Farriers Registration Council, presided at a presentation ceremony held yesterday in the Great Hall in St Bartholomew's Hospital. The Master presented the company's diploma and the council's registration certificates to candidates of the School of Farriery, Herefordshire College of Technology, and the Army School of Farriery. Melton Mowbray. Representatives from the Court of the Worshipful Company of Farriers, the Farriers Registration Council, Herefordshire College of Technology, Warwickshire College and the Company's Examinations Board were also present. A church service was held earlier at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, attended by candidates, approved training farriers, their families and friends.

University news Brooker, at present Professor of Mental Health Nursing in Department of History and

from October 1.

Appointments to Chairs Michael Graham Bradford,

Manchester

Senior Lecturer in Geography, has been invited to accept appointment as Professor of Geography from July I. Norman Charles Strong, Senior Lecturer in Accounting

to accept appointment as Professor of Accounting and Finance from July I. Neil Duxbury, Reader in Law, has been invited to accept appointment as Professor of

and Finance, has been invited

Law, from July I. Colin Peter Sibley, Reader in Child Health and Physiology, has been invited to accept appointment as Professor of Child Health and Physiology. from July I.

Karen Anne Luker, at present Professor of Community Nursing in the University of Liverpool, has been invited to accept appointment as Profes-sor of Nursing from September i.

Karen Renita Waters, Senior Lecturer in Nursing, has been invited to accept appointment as Professor of Nursing from

as Professor of Nursing from

July i.

Jacqueline Ann Oldham. Reader in Nursing, has been invited to accept appointment

Charles Graeme Dickson

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Col-

bert, statesman, Rheims, 1619;

John Locke, philosopher.

Wrington, Somerset, 1632; the

Hon Charles Townshend,

statesman, 1725; Oliver Wen-

dell Holmes, physician and

writer, Cambridge, Massa-

chusetts, 1809; John Leech,

illustrator, London, 1817; Wil-

liam Gully, 1st Viscount Selby, Speaker of the House of

Commons 1895-1905, London,

1835; Maurice Maeterlinck,

poet, Nobel laureate 1911,

Ghent, 1862; Jean Ingres.

painter, Montauban, France,

1870: Ingrid Bergman, actress, Stockholm, 1915: she died on

this day, London, 1982.

Gina Maria Conti-Ramsden, Reader in Education, has been invited to accept appointment as Professor of Child Language and Learning in the School of Education from June

the University of Sheffield, has

been invited to accept appoint-ment as Professor of Nursing

George John Brooke, Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies, has been invited to accept appointment as Professor of Biblical Studies in the Department of Religions and Theology from August 1.

Ian David Abrahams, at present Professor of Applied Mathematics in the University of Keele, has been invited to accept appointment as Bever Professor of Applied Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics from January

Bernard Stuart Jackson, at present Queen Victoria Professor of Law at the University of Liverpool, has been invited to accept appointment as Alliance Professor of Modern Jewish Studies in the Department of Religions and Theology from August I. Andrew Gilbert Causey, Se-

A. Rosalie David to be Honorary Reader in the School of Biological Sciences concurrently with her appointment as Keeper of Egyptol-ogy in the Manchester Museum. nior Lecturer, has been invited to accept appointment as Pro-fessor of Art History in the

Anniversaries

DEATHS: John Lilburne, re-

publican, Eltham, Kent, 1657;

Edmond Hoyle, the father of

whist, London, 1769; Joseph

Wright, painter, Derby, 1797;

Sir Charles Napier, general, Portsmouth, 1853; William

Brockedon, painter, writer and inventor, London, 1854;

Brigham Young, 2nd President of the Mormon Church,

Salt Lake City. Utah, 1877; the Rev William Spooner, scholar and begetter of "spooner-isms", 1930; Queen Astrid,

consort of Leopold III of

Belgium, killed in a car acci-

dent, Lucerne, 1935; Cesare Pavese, novelist, Turin, 1950;

Earnon de Valera, President of

Latest wills

Archaeology from August 1.

Appointments
Shant Kumar, Head of Experimental Pathology at Christie Hospital NHS Trust, to be Honorary

Professor in the Department of Pathological Sciences for three years from June 1.

André Vandermerwe, retired Professor of International

Management and Curporate Strate egy and Director of Executive

Programmes at the International Institute Development (IMD) in Lausanne. Switzerland, to be Visit-

ing Professor of Business Admin-istration in the Manchester Business School for one year from

Donald W Light, Professor and Director of the Division of Social

and Behavioural Science at the

University of Medicine and Den-tistry of New Jersey, USA, and Glazo Wellcome Visiting Pro-fessorial Fellow in Primary Care at this university, to be Visiting

this university, to be Visiting Professor in the National Primary Care Research and Development

Centre for one year from January

James G Whitwam, recently re-tired Director of the Department of Anaesthesia, at Hammersmith

Hospital and one of the UK's leading academic anaesthetists.

has been appointed Honorary Visiting Professor in Surgery,

the Irish Republic 1959-73,

Dublin, 1975; Lee Marvin,

actor, Tucson, Arizona, 1987;

Sir Peter Scott, naturalist and

painter, Slimbridge, Glouces-

HIMS Royal George sank off Spithead with the loss of more than 900 lives, 1782.

Michael Faraday successfully

demonstrated the first electri-

The Treaty of Nanking was

signed by the British and Chinese, ending the Opium

The first motorcycle was pat-

ented by Gottlieb Daimler,

cal transformer, 1831.

tershire, 1989.

War, 1842.

Germany, 1885.

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Hoporary and Visiting

Harold Mostyn Thomas, of Buckland Docklow, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £3,024,261 net.

Sheila Elizabeth Wetton, of Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent. left estate valued at £2,115,010

Gilbert Herbert Rhodes Batson. of Cotebrook, Tarporley, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,771,728 net.

Gordon Roger Ian Glanville, of Whitechurch, Blandford Forum. Dorset, left estate valued at £702_346 pet.

Newton Harris, of Clyst St. George, Exeter, Devon, left estate valued at £1,188,341 net. He left shares in his estate to each of the following: RSPR, NSPCC, RSPCA. Chest Heart and Stroke Association Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Spastics Society and RNLL. Arthur Alexander King, of

Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at El,000,078 net. Joan Margaret Lander, of Wellington, Telford, Shrop-shire, left estate valued at

EL. 396,070 net.

She left £250 m both the Royal Star and Garter Home and the Marie.

Curie Cancer Care along with the request that the National Trust use its best endeavours to retain and majorate her home Suprement. Doris Gertrude Phillips, of Northampton, left estate val-ued at £1,636,169 net. Ambrose Shardlow, of Wal-

Ambrose Shardlow, of Walton, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,991,761 net.

He left £20,000 each to NSPCC, RSPCA, Age Concern England, British Paraplegic Society, Dr. Barnardos, Save the Children, RNIL St. Peters Hospital, Chertssy, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Dr. White's cancer research department of St. Inke's Hospital, Guildford; £10,000 each to the Mouth and Poot Painting Artists, RNIB and Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

Jean Elizabeth Sturrock, of Heavitree, Exeter, Devon, left estate valued at £1,729,172 net. Eileen Muriel Trusted, of Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey left estate valued at £1,445,286

net. Zenaida Turner, of London SW11, left estate valued at £1,257,483 net.

Edna Florence Wicks, of Gosfield, Halstead, Essex, left estate valued at £1,101,209 net. Sydney Jack Young, of Reydon, Southwold, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,545,480 net

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon A.M.R. Bertie

and Miss C.D. Cameron The engagement is announced between Alexander, younger son of the Earl and Countess of Lindsey and Abingdon, and Catherine, only daughter of the late Professor Gordon C. Cameron and of Mrs Cameron, of Little Shelford. Cambridge Mr R.I. Walford

and Miss F.K. Martin The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Sir Christopher and Lady Wallard, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Prancesca, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Martin, of Winchester, Hampshire. Mr W.H.J. Blanchard

and Miss M.F. Beattic The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr Gerald Blanchard and Mrs Anne Blanchard, of Winbledon, and Merici daughter of Dr Alan and Mrs Donalda Beattie, of Kilmorack, Inverness-shire.

Mr A.T. Brazeli and Miss L.C. Adam The engagement is amounced between Andrew, twin son of Mr and Mrs Peter Brazell, of Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, and Loma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Adamson, of Farnham, Surrey. Mr S.G. Chadw

and Miss S.F. Black The engagement is announced between Simon Chadwick, of Bristol, and Susseme Black, also of

Mr A.W. Bes Mr A.W. Bes and Miss M.S.H. Green The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr and Mrs Pailip Bes, of Wimbledon, London, and Montserrat, elder daughter of Mr. Hugh Green, of Weasenham, Norfolk, and Mrs John Smith, of Great Massingham. Norfolk.

Mr W.S. Murphy and Miss C. Wren The engagement is announced between William Stewart, son of Mr and Mrs Stewart Murphy, of Castlerock, Northern Ireland, and Clancy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Wren, Wickham, Hampshire

Mr P.T. Smith and Miss J.L. Bushell-Mambews The engagement is amnounced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Smith, of West Byfleet. Surrey, and Julie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Philip Bushill-Matthews, of Harbury, Warwickshire.

Mr D.H. Lloyd and Miss K.C. Davies

and Miss K.L. Lavies
The engagement is unnounced
between David Henry, sun of Mr
Frank Lloyd and the late Mrs
Lloyd, of Lichfield. Staffordshire,
and Kathryn Claire, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Michael Davies, of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire. Mr S.R. Simpson and Miss P.J.W. Carrington

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roger Simpson, of The Old Rectory, Toller Fratrum, Dorser, and Paula, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Carrington. of The Old Rectory. Rockbourne, Hampshire.

Mr E.B. Williams and Mejuffrouw LT. Tailieu The engagement is announced between Eric, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christian Williams, of and Mrs Children, Surrey, and Inge, daughter of Professor and Mrs Tharsi Taillieu, of Merksplas, Antwerp, Belgium.

Marriages

Sir Robin Duni and Mrs G.F.H. Demeny The marriage took place quietly, on August 28, of Robin Dunn to Joan, nee Statiord King Harman, widow of George Dennehy, Father Wilfrid Tighe officiated.

Mr C.R. Adamson and Miss A. Hodgers
The marriage took place on Tuesday, August 26, 1997, in St Helier, Jersey, of Mr Craig R. Adamson, youngest son of the late Mr Percy Adamson and of Mrs Adamson, of Stockton-on-Tees, to Miss Anne Hodgers, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hodgers, of Castle Belling-ham, Republic of Ireland.

Mr B. Proctor and Miss J. Hinde The marriage took place in London, on Monday, August 25, 1997, between Mr Brian Proctor; son of Mr John Proctor, of Farley Hill, Berkshire, and the late Mrs. Marion Neighbour, and Miss-Julia Hinde, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hinde, of Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Dr S.R. Rodwood and Miss A.E. Goldst The marriage took place on Sun-day, August 24, 1997, at St Paul's Church, East Molesey, Surrey, of Dr Simon Robert Redwood to Miss Anne Elizabeth Goldstein. The Rev Andrew Facey officiated,

Church news

Appointments The Rev Andrew Norwood, -Assistant Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Headingley (Ripon), to be Assistant Curate, St Mary w The Epiphany, Handsworth (Birm-

ingham). The Rev Geoffrey Owen, Vicar, St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton, and part-time Chaplain, Surbiton Hospital (Southwark), to be Vicar, St James, Merton (same diocese). The Rev Michael Pain, Team Rector, Melksham, and Chaplain. Melksham Hospital (Salisbury), to be Team Rector.

Redhorn (same diocese). The Rev Tim Perry, Curate, Abingdon (Ordord), to be Director, New Life Outreach Trust.

The Rev Bob Rhodes, Team Rector, Wolverton (Oxford), to be Priest-in-Charge, Bledlow w Saunderton and Horsenden, and also Warden of Readers for Oxford (same diocese).

The Venerable Ian Russell, Archdeacon of Coventry (Coventry), to be a Chaplain to HM the Oueen. The Rev David Shaw, Assis-

tant Curate, Wotton under-Edge w Ozleworth and North Nibley (Gloucester), in be Priest in Charge, St. Clement, Jersey (Winchester).

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The Rev John Shepherd, Vicar, Mitcham St Peter and St Paul, and Rural Dean of Merton (Southwark), to be Vicer, Battersea St Luke (same diocese).

The Rev Mark Smith. Chaplain. University College of St Martin, Lancaster Blackburn), to be Vicar, Ashton-on-Ribble St Michael and All Angels w Preston St Mark (same diocese),

The Rev Stephanie Soko-lowski, Assistant Curate All Saints, Warlingham w Cheisham and Farleigh (Southwark), to be Curate, Sf John the Evangelist, Blindley ... Heath (same diocese).

The Rev Christopher Spencer.

Assistant Curate, Ore St Bar nabas (Chichester), to be Vicar. Deal St George the Martyr

(Canterbury).
The Rev Garry Taylor, Assistant Curate, Hamble (Wirschester), to be Priesting Charge, Southampton Warren Avenue St Jude Sames. diocese). Canon John Waterstreet, Rec.

tor. The Whitacres and Shustoke (Birmingham), to be Assistant Curate, St Mary, Acocks Green (same diocese). The Rev Pam Wise, Assistant Curate, Bedford All Saints (St Albans), to be Team Vicar. Hitchin (same diocese).

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PERSONAL COLUMN

David may always have a lamp burning before me in jerusalem, the city which I chose to receive my name, I Kings 11:36
BIRTHS
BODDY - On Angust -27th, to Laura (née Would) and Julian, a daughter, Celia Mary.
DYSU - On August 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Asne-

Catherine (nee Pavani) and Daniel, a son, Thomas. ENTHOVEM - On 20th August 1997 at Miami Beach, Florida, to Alexa (aée Geschæ) and Dominic, a son, Sam Ross, a brother for Max. PRASER - On 27th August, to Michael and Lucinta (nos Rayment), a son, Augus, a brother for Edward, Alice

HEWES - On August 24th, to Nicola (non Macdonald) and MODEROFT - On Angust 26th at the Wessex Maternity Centre, Southampton, to Jenny and Alistzir, a son, Edward Joseph Douglas, a Inother for Harry.

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MATTHEON - On August 22nd at Heatherwood Hospital. Ascot, to Caroline (née Dogold) and Simon, a lovely

son, Timothy George brother to Oliver James. METAXA - On Angust 27th in Geneva, to Rebecca (née Bennett) and Ned, a son, George Predezick Alexander. MOSEY - On August 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Amelia Field and Jonathan

To Solomon's son I shall give one tribe, that my servent PERMET - To Stefan and Rac (Sée Harris), a daughter great-granddaughter for hitsi and the late CWEP. HITMLAT - On August 10th at The Fortland Bospital, to WHILES . See Rithlat. DEATHS

SATEMAN - David Sutherland died peacefully on 25th August, beloved husband of June and dearly loved father and grandfather. Will slways be rumembered with love and grandfather. Will slways be rumembered with love and grandfather. Private cremation. No flowers by request. Dunstines if wished to the Campaign of Munmarry. Devokshine Boad, Beridle of Thesis, Subson. Service of Subson. Service SENSUSAR BUTT - John of Colchestar died August 22nd aged 86 years. He sends greetings to all friends. He will be greatly missed. Funcal et Abberton Church. 11 am September 17th.

DARBEMY - Ensel Prances on August 24th at home, after long Diseas bereity bome. Funtest Service on Munday 1st September 12 neon at URC, New Maiden, Servey, Enquiries to Pederick Paine, (OR1) 942-1978. (OIR1) 942-1978.
ERSEN - On August 24th
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FRE of Great Bookham.
Surrey died aged 86. No
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Lt. Cdr. R.N. (ret'd).
Peacefully at home on
August 22nd at Poole,
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Paddy. Wenderful father to
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Tomes Ltd. 01202 394340. CUITMAN - Heirs, beloved husband, father and grandfatter, on August 25th after a tong Hoses bavely beens. Will be sudly missed by his loving wife folks, son Paul and grandfathlidren, Samb and Michael Fonstal hald August 27th 1st held August 27th in

LENDSAY - On 27th August 1997, James aged 90, at Sutton Manor Nursiag Home, Sutton Scotney. Home, Sutton Scothey, Peacefully after a short ulmes. Beloved husband of Bonewa and a very much loved father of Hugh, Alexander, Serphen and Julia, gandfather and great grandfather. Fement at Soly. Trinky Church, Wonston, near Winebester Jam on Friday September Sth. Friday September 5th.

LINUMOUNT: Betinds C.W. thed passerially on 22nd August at Aberdeen General informers, Mother of Jessica and Jestin and Seuch Loved grandmethet. Frivate cremation in Abendean en 25th August A Thunkesjöring Service will be held at 9. Barnabas Church, 23 Addison Bood, Rensington, London on Thursday 9th Octuber at 230 pm.

MACCHENIZE - On August 25th. October at 2.30 pm.

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Kenyon Ltd., Funeral
Directors, 49 Marious Road,
Evandagum, London WS 61A.

MASH - Hilds Christian, sped 92 years, peacefully at home in Aideburgh, Suffolk on August 26th 1997. Denriy loved wife of the late Sandy, mother of Dusald, Neg and Brian, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Thankspiring Service at St Andrews Church, Aldringham, Suffolk, on Wednesday September 3rd at 12.15 pm. No mounting by request.

MAYALL - Geoffrey Arthur Banson on 28th August 1997 at Colwyn Bay and formerity of Wilmslow. Seleved hunband of Neura and father of John. Pumeral Service at Colvyn Bay Crematorium Monday 1st Crematorium Monday 1st September at 1 pm. Donations in tieu of flowers may be sent for Colarya Ray Hospital Langon of Priends. Engelries and donations to Pency 1. Roberts & Son, 4 Woodland Road West, Colarya Bay, tel: (01492) 532206.

beloved hesband of Ginni, residing since 1985 in Vienna, Amstria, died on Monday 25th Angust 1997 after a short Illness. Memorial Service Sunday 7th September, Vienna, 1eh 0043 2243 32206

PHLEY - Kevin Pidlip, Died Angust Z7th ngod 65 yees. A such loved man who will be sardy missed by sits devoced with Many, all lab beloved family and many friends. Bacoption into Our Lady of the Wayside Council, Saidey, Solikull, on Tuesday yourself low Wednesday Said at 2 pm followed by cremation of Hobin Read Commontain at 3 pm. Family flowers only destroined by Manuacian at 3 pm. Family flowers only destrained at 4 pm. Parity flowers only destrained at 4 pm. Parity flowers only, destrained if Company of 3 pm. Family Convers only, destricted if desired direct to Warren Fresh Marie Carlo Conce. 911 Warwick Road, Solthell 1971 3EE.

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August 24th, 1997, well known and highly segucied listate Agent in Mostpark and Rorthwood, Middleser. Funeral to St Pancrus Cometery, High Road, East Finchley, RZ, on Wadnesday, September 3rd, at 11 am. ANDERS - Rowland revolution, T.D. On Sunday 24th August in his 102nd year willy in hospital August in his 100ms year, peacefully in hospital. Solicing and Solidar of the Great War. Solidy sidesed by all. Funeral at St. Jacob Norhands, Holland Park, W11 on Tuesday 2nd Supetuber at 3.50pm followed by cremetion at Kannel Rice. All

Showness - Yivian Murie)
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Robert Kiln, Lloyd's underwriter and archaeologist, died on August 16 aged 77. He was born on May 14, 1920.

vocess in business is one thing; spending the fruits wisely and creatively is quite another. Robert Kiln was not only one of the leading Lloyd's underwriters of his genera-tion, but also the most influential sponsor of archaeological projects in the late 20th cenury. In the last 20 years of his life he gave away more than £1 million, mostly in packets of £500 to £1,090, and mostly to new and hitherto unknown projects. In particular, his nstigation of the British Archaeological Awards began a new search for excellence in all aspects of archaeology.

Robert John Kiln was born Middlesex and educated at Merchant Taylors'. By profession a Lloyd's underwriter, he joined Sir Matthew Drysdale's non-marine box at Lloyd's in 1938. As a member of the Honourable Artillery Company, he had his introductionto archaeology in 1940 when he unearthed some arrowheads while digging an airraid shelter in the HAC playing fields. His dress being too untidy for the Royal Horse Artillery, he was posted to the Hertfordshire Yeomanry.

He first saw action on D-Day, when he had a grandstand view of the whole proceedings. From a naval command vessel close inshore he spent much of the day directing the fire of the ships behind onto targets on shore. Eventually he landed.

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The Hertfordshire Yeoman ry was the first unit to use 25-pounder guns fitted to a Valentine tank chassis, and with the 80th Field Regiment RA he took part in the flerce fighting in the bocage and continued. across Europe. In September he was severely wounded in Answerp by a shell and lost a consultant surgeon that his stump was too long and had to be shortened but he walked. time for consultants. His story, written from the point of view of a fighting soldier, was published as D-Day to Armhem in 1993.

Kiln returned to the Drysdale syndicate in 1946 and built up an international reputation as a leading under-



ity, his strong technical grasp, his sense of fairness and his willingness to adapt his quotations to the wishes of his clients if this could be done in a manner likely to be profitable to Lloyd's Names.

Kiln had a strong desire for independence, and so was not always the easiest employee to control. In 1962 he decided to found his own underwriting agency and syndicate. The first few years were difficult for Kilm and for Lloyd's, but his reputation retained the loyalty of Names and agents. This keyalty was rewarded leg. He was later told by a when substantial profits and consultant surgeon that his growth were achieved from 1968 onwards. Syndicates were developed in all markets. out, and thereafter had little and substantial accounts were acquired from British Commonwealth countries and Japan as a balance to the traditional American exposures. He played a key role in the development of national markets as Third World countries gained independence

from Britain. loss reinsurance. Brokers reg of the initiative to create a rigorous attitude and a proper one university heard that an Xlied on his mathematical acc- Lloyd's life insurance com-

Duncan Swift, jazz

pianist, died from cancer

on August 8 aged 54.

He was born on

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pany and became chairman of Lloyd's Life Insurance in 1979. The company grew substantially and profitably under his chairmanship, and he strongly disagreed with the decision of the Council of Lloyd's to sell Lloyd's Life to the Royal Insurance Company in 1986.

Robert Kiln was elected to the Committee of Lloyd's on three occasions between 1970 and 1980. His desire for reform and his critical view of many practices were not well supported, and he resigned in exasperation in 1981. He continued, however, to play an important part in insurance education. He was much in demand as a lecturer, arbitrator and expert witness. His books — Reinsurance in Practice (1981) and Reinsurance Underwriting (1985) - remain standard reading for reinsurance students and practitioners worldwide. Robert Kiln believed that

new commercial ventures should be debated and judged from an ethical, as well as a financial, point of view. This

DUNCAN SWIFT

P. Johnson, and he also played to thousands of jazz lovers

around the world as a mem-

ber of Kenny Ball's Jazzmen

between 1977 and 1983, Swift's

band playing was character-

ised by an almost demonic

energy, which was guaranteed to lift any rhythm section and

After moving to the Mid-

lands in his teens. Swift

first played trombone in the

band of Jim Simpson, who

subsequently became director

of the Birmingham Interna-

tional Jazz Festival and helped

to establish Swift's solo career.

Swift played plano during

help it to swing.

tomers and for employees enabled his organisation to avoid many of the problems that have cost Lloyd's dear. When Kiln established his firm, he set aside some shares for the Robert Kiln Charitable Trust, which distributed money for music (his first wife was a talented musician), conservation, education and, above all. archaeology. Over the years Kiln distributed more than £1 million - mostly in very small amounts. In many cases he was the first donor to a

project, supplying the vital seed corn. Thus the Sheffield University archaeological project in the Outer Hebrides, for instance, would never have got off the ground without his grant of £1,000 in its first year. subsequently more than £250,000 has been raised from other sources. Larger gifts were made to the Universities of Durham

and London, but mostly the gifts were small. What was striking was the range, the imagination and the speed with which grants were made: concern for Names, for cus- ray machine it needed was

the early days of the "trad" boom in Bill Nile's Delta Jazz

Band, before going on to

qualify as a music teacher at

Birmingham School of Music. The 1970s were a lean period

for many professional jazz

musicians and Swift spent ten

years as a teacher and lec-

turer, playing semi-pro en-

gagements on trombone and

piano with several bands in-

cluding his own New Delta

In 1977 he started playing regularly with Kenny Ball.

from time to time alternating

with other pianists including

Alian Bradley. By April 1979

LEGAL NOTICES

Jazzmen

going begging for £2,000 in a sale - the money was made available the next day.

Perhaps his most lasting contribution to archaeology was his establishment, with Magnus Magnusson, of the British Archaeological Awards. These began as the BBC Chronicle awards, from 1976 to 1980, but when the BBC sponsorship came to an end. tiln played the major role in the negotiations that led to the establishment of awards which now number more than a dozen, for excellence in every department of British archae ology. He personally sponsored

what he always considered to be the most important award, the Pitt Rivers Award for amateur or independent ar-chaeologists. Characteristically he distributed the cash to the finalists who needed it, supporting those whose projects were at an early stage, and it is here that small sums can make a huge difference. For the past 20 years Kiln has been virtually the sole private sponsor of amateur archaeology.

He was a practical volunt in archaeology from the 1950s, despite his wooden leg, and he undertook formal training by taking the postgraduate diploma in archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology London from 1961 to 1965; he was awarded a prize as the outstanding student of the year in 1964.

All this came at a time when he was setting up - under great pressure - his own firm. and running the family, too, while his wife was having their sixth child; coileagues could never understand how. or indeed when, he was able to get through so much work.

He was treasurer of Rescue tthe Trust for British Archseology) from 1971 to 1976; he played a notable role in Hertfordshire archaeology; he was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, honorary lecturer in archaeology at Durham University and was awarded an Hon DLitt by Sheffield University. He was a prolific author of pamphlets and reports on archaeology and he also wrote a book Ware and Hertford (with Clive Partridge).

Robert Kilin had three sons and three daughters with his first wife, Daphne, whom he married in 1949 and who died in 1976. He is survived by his second wife, Letty, whom he children stepchildren.

he decided to make this his

full-time career, joining Ball

for four and a half years of

relentless touring on a hectic

schedule which had seldom

flagged for Ball since the

In October 1983 Swift left the

band, opting to spend a few years out of the limelight

running a pub in Bewdley. Yet

for a pianist of his ability, the

lure of the stage was too strong

for him to stay away, and after

a year in Pere Allen's band he

launched a predominantly solo career in 1989, on the back

of his first CD as a soloist.

Out Looking for the Lion. Those who already knew

Swift's playing were not sur-

prised by the critical acclaim

that greeted this album and its

successors, including The Broadwood Concert (1991).

His formidable technique and

brilliant resurrection of forgot-

Faith, and a daughter.

heyday of trad.

NANCY WANSBROUGH

Nancy Wansbrough. cricketer, sociologist and author, died on August 13 aged 82. She was born on July 22, 1915.

WITH varied gifts and a formidable personality. Nancy Wansbrough made contributions to women's cricket, sociology and the Church of England. As Nancy Joy. she toured Australia with the postwar English Women's cricket team. Her sociological work was mainly in the field of mental health and unemployment; she was Director of the British Institute of Industrial Therapy from 1980 to 1983. She was one of the first women to preach at the Anglo-Catholic stronghold of All Saints,

Margaret Street, in London. Sylvia Nancy Joy was educated at a boys' preparatory school at Aysgarth in Yorkshire, where her father was headmaster, and at Downe House School in Berkshire. She read politics, philosophy and economics at Somerville College, Oxford. During the war she joined

the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry and was then engaged n personnel work for the Civil Service. She was also involved in secret decoding work. In 1948-49 she toured Australia with the England Women's cricket team. Her highest score was 91 and her tour average was 30. She did not play in any of the Test matches, but described the tour in her first book, a short history of women's cricket, entitled Maiden Over.

George Wansbrough when both were walking their horses back from a hunt, and they married in 1955. During the early 1960s she supported his doomed struggle to sell the idea of a luxury high-performance car, the Gordon-Keeble, only to see Aston Martin and Jensen succeed where they had failed. Her husband, a well-known industrialist of the time, went on to become a director of the Bank

She met her future husband

of England. She worked as a researcher

with the Acton Society and diocese of Winchester, where then spent 12 years as visiting she exercised a lively and research fellow in the socioloenthusiastic ministry in the gy department of Southampparishes of Compton and ton University. She founded Onerbourne, and produced the Southampton Industrial two more books: Letters to an Therapy Organisation and, together with Philip Cooper. Atheist (1988) and Commit Yourself (1943). ATote Open Employment after

In 1995 she was given an Hon DLin by Southampton University and moved into a small flat overlooking Winchester Cathedral, where she was able to continue her ministry to visitors, as well as helping in the city centre parish of St Laurence with St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate.

Nancy Wansbrough loved good company, food and wine and entertaining. She travelled extensively, especially in Italy, which she had known before the war, but also in Eastern Europe and some of the more remote parts of the former Soviet Union. Her leftwing political and theological views were expressed with vigour, and she relished a good argument.

Her husband died in 1979. She is survived by a stepdaughter and two stepsons.

PROFESSOR LLOYD THOMPSON

Mental Illness. This campaigning book is a closely

argued and rigorous explana-

tion of how former mental

patients should be allowed

back to work as a crucial part

of their rehabilitation. For this

work she was awarded an

honorary doctorate by South-

ampion University. After pub-

lishing the book she worked

for eight years for the Depart-

ment of Health in the field of

mental illness and un-

Her wide interests and expe

rience assisted the work of

many Hampshire organisa-

tions and societies. She was

chairman of the Winchester

branch of MIND and of the

Compton and Shawford Festi-

became a lay reader in the

In 1988 Nancy Wansbrough

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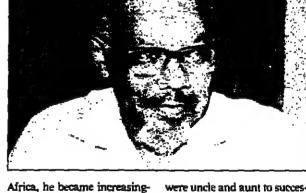
val Choir.

Lloyd Thompson. Professor of Classics at Idahan University, Nigeria, 1967-95, died of aged 65. He was born on June 24, 1932.

WHEN Lloyd Thompson fin-ally left the University of Ibadan in 1995, having joined the staff there less than ten years after its founding as Nigeria's tirst university, he was the longest-serving mem-ber of the academic staff. In nearly 40 years he had won enormous respect and affection from colleagues and students, and his special contribution was enhanced by his background and experi-

ence as a West Indian. Lloyd Arthur Thompson was born in Barbados, and went to school at Harrison College, where the foundations of his classical scholarship and his sense of mischief were laid. In 1952 he was awarded the coveted Barbados Scholarship, and he read Classics with distinction at St John's College, Cambridge, with which he maintained lifelong connections. He began lecturing at Ibadan in 1956, in a strong department headed by John Ferguson,

ten tunes by his Harlem idols whom he succeeded in 1967. made his discs and concerts Although Classics has declined in most English-speakboth memorable and popular. ing universities, there was a Yet just as he achieved the highest levels in his solo feeling in Ghana and Nigeria that only the best was good playing, he began to suffer a series of nagging illnesses. Audiences were seldom aware enough for Africa, and the classical tradition was perceived as important to university life. Classics had an honoured place, and Thompson played a large part in maintaining this at Ibadan. Because of his commitment to



ly interested in the better understanding of the two cultures he had most at heart, the Romans and the black Africans. He collaborated with John Ferguson in writing and editing Africa in Classical Antiquity (1969), and in 1989 he produced his own book, Romans and Blacks, which was a deeply thoughtful study of what is and is not racist.

While democracy declined in Nigeria, Lloyd Thompson seized the opportunity of the 2.500th anniversary of the founding of the world's oldest democracy, with the reforms of Cleisthenes at Athens, and organised a conference under the title "Democracy, Democratisation and Africa". Published in 1994, the papers in the book of that name constitute a challenge to the unhappy and undemocratic developments in African countries in recent years.

In 1956 Thompson married Alma Platten, whom he had met during his student days in Cambridge. Lloyd and Alma

sive generations of students, who filled their house and fed at their table. They both achieved profound insight into and affection for the young Nigerians, but never succumbed to any of the false values on offer. Lloyd was an approachable man who was friendly as well as wise.

He often acted as honest broker in difficult university affairs: people from every faction felt able to discuss their problems with him. Fearless and forthright himself, he never hesitated to express his views, even when it was dangerous to do so. His independent spirit enabled him to accept disruption and hardship with good humour and philosophic calm, and while he was disappointed to see standards decline in later years, he never gave way to cynicism or despair. Like all West Indians he was keen on cricket, and he captained the university staff team.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

that he was in constant pain from back problems. Finally he was stricken by throat cancer in 1995. He is survived by his wife,



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SPECTACULAR SEASIDE DISPLAYS WHOEVER the enterprising person was who

first discovered the mesmeric influence of coloured lights upon the human fancy, he could not have foreseen that what he began more than 40 years ago would be consummated quite so extravagantly as in the illuminations now to be seen at the big seaside resorts. The publicity departments do not exaggerate when they say that this year's illuminations are bigger, brighter, and better, and the response to them is excellent. It has long been debatable which resorts first used illuminations: in particular, there are conflict ing voices from the north, where Blackpool, Southport, and Morecambe can all produce evidence of a proudly lit-up past. Blackpool claims that it led the way in large-state schemes of illuminations in 1912. This year it is the town's twenty first annual display. Southport, which has pier illuminations costing £6,000, takes its stand on the fact that there have been illuminations in Lord Street for 40 years, while Morecambe maintains that even before this it was the first resort to use candles to illuminate foliage along the

Blackpool corporation have this year allo-

ON THIS DAY

August 29, 1953

From Blackpool's renowned illuminations to Paignton's swinging lanterns, more and more resorts were responding to the necessity of brightening their promenades.

rated £70,000 to their illumination department, and the display which Mr. George Formby will switch on on September 9 will comprise old and new equipment valued at more than £400,000. Mr H. Carpenter, the illuminations engineer, is head of a staff of 150 who are working to get the display completed.

Most of the tableaux are designed by artists and they are built by about 60 craftsmen. The longest tableaux will be 680 ft. It is expected that before the display ends on October 26, the illuminations will have been seen by more than three million people. At Morecambe the iffuminations are said to be worth £100,000.

and this year's display cost nearly £30,000. Skilful floodlighting has enhanced the natural beauty of Happy Mount Park, and there is floodlighting for three miles and a half along the promenade. There are illuminations at Southport throughout the year, but the more spectacular pier illuminations, which began last year at an initial cost of £4,000, are only for the autumn, and were switched on officially last night. Southend has its best illuminations since the war, and of the 95,000 lamps in use more than 25,000 are on the pier. At Bournemouth, apart from the artistic illuminations along the sea front, there are the candlelight displays on four nights between August 5 and September 5. About 30,000 candles are used and they are lit by tapers distributed among holiday-makers.

Along the Madeira Drive Colonnade in Brighton is neon strip lighting. There are some beautiful effects in Old Steine and Victoria Gardens, where the trees are floodlit and have fairy lights in their branches. There are fluorescent tubes around the fountain in Steine Gardens and there is a shimmering combination of colours upon the surface of the water. Eastbourne prides itself not so much on its illuminations as on its flower gardens, but there are almost three miles of fairy lights twinkling along the sea front.

or as band players, but Dun-can Swift was in the rare Despite hailing from the most un-jazzlike town of Rotherexponent of the complex solo style known as Harlem 1 17 2 by Fats Waller and James PERSONAL COLUMN

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NEWS

MI6 recruited for war on drugs

Robin Cook announced that the full intelligence resources of MI6 would be made available to tackle the growing global threat from drug chiefs.

Launching the drive not far from Burma, the world's biggest opium producer, the Foreign Secretary said that the Government was determined "to fight this scourge". It would attack the drugs supply chain at every stage, from production to money-laundering

Blair tells ministers to sharpen up

■ Tony Blair will give Labour a warning tomorrow that the difficulties experienced by the Government in the past few weeks are a reminder that it cannot relax discipline. His remarks will be a tacit admission that ministers could have handled themselves better in some incidents......Page 1

Sinn Fein invite

Mo Mowlam will this morning declare the six-week-old IRA ceasefire to be "genuine in word and deed" and formally invite Sinn Fein to the full peace

Boys charged

Two ten-year-old boys have been charged with raping a nine-yearold girl at a West London school, the first time that children so young have been charged with

Devolution poll

Nearly half the English public want the chance to vote on the Government's proposals for Scottish and Welsh devolution, according to a new MORI poll for The Times

Ordeal at sea

"This was our home and we have lost everything." Don and Yvonne Newman, round-theworld sailors plucked from the sea by Royal Navy helicopters.

MI5 disclosure

MI5 is to make public how many files on individuals and organisations are still being held at its headquarters Page 4

Scripts blamed

film producers of rushing substandard scripts into production. causing many movies to fail to Page 5 find a screening ..

New drinks alert

After alcopops, parents have something new to worry about: "super-sports drinks". Caffeineladen energy drinks are being marketed as strong stimulants for the young...

Fluoride claim

Fluoride in water is the best way to improve dental health for the poor, reaching those who rarely brush their teeth and halving tooth decay in the poorest areas. says a new study Page 6

Cook gesture

Robin Cook highlighted the issue of human rights and arms sales on arriving in Indonesia. His first act was to telephone the bishop who is campaigning for East Timor independence......Page 8

Serb violence

American troops fired teargas at Bosnian Serbs as the struggle between President Playsic and Radovan Karadzic threatened widespread violence Page 10

Kennedy out

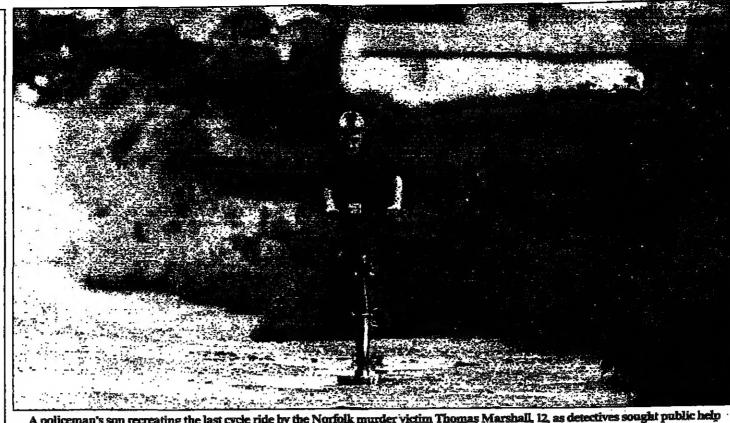
The Kennedy dynasty may be drawing to a close after the son of Robert Kennedy announced he will not run for Governor of Massachusetts.....Page 11

Inquiry setback

A literary agent accused British . A UN inquiry into the alleged massacre of tens of thousands of Rwandan refugees in the former Zaire earlier this year has been thrown into jeopardy......Page 9

Loop-the-loop riders left hanging

■ Twenty-nine people were left hanging upside down for 90 minutes after a loop-the-loop train jammed in mid-course at Belgium's leading amusement park. No one was injured, but passengers screamed and threw off their clothes as they hung in space, held only by the safety bars over their shoulders and laps ..



A policeman's son recreating the last cycle ride by the Norfolk murder victim Thomas Marshall, 12, as detectives sought public help

Boots: The retailer revealed a £180 million loss on the sale of its Fads and Homestyle DIY subsid-

iaries for a nominal sum...Page 23 Bank fined: Swiss Bank Corporation has been fined £480,000 by a City watchdog for share dealings in electricity companies and an investment trust

PFI: The Government faces a compensation bill of more than £6 million after the Highways Agency admitted liability for the costs of bidding for three axed road ...Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 61.5 points to close at 4845.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 101.9 to 101.5 after a rise from \$1.6108 to \$1.6147 but a fall from DM2.9151 to DM2.9003 Page 26 Muster.

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opening day of the BMW International in Munich Footbell: British clubs today find out their opponents in the three European competitions..... Page 38 Teanis: Tim Henman has earned rave reviews from the American media for his victory over Thomas

☐ Generat: Scotland will be mostly cloudy with heavy showers and possibly thunder. N. Ireland, N. England and N.

thunder. N Ireland, N England and N Wales with save a bright day with squally showers. Southern parts will start bright with scattered heavy showers.

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AD IS Bigger strokes: The millermial doom merchants who foresee the end of art as we know it are wrong, as a new London show demonstrates.....

Beds and bawd: The Jacobean romp A Chaste Maid in Cheapside is filling the Globe with its cynical, comical vision of a sex-obsessed Landon.

Boyz own: Hard to believe that Motown Records could take a wrong turn, but if soul band Boyz II Men's new album fails, this once-great record label is in Page 16 trouble ...

Crackling pop: The resurgence of Edwyn Collins continues apace with his new LP, I'm Not Following You; and Genesis produces an oddly dated album

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

CAR 97 Ninety years on, a rerun of the Paris-Peking motor rally

WEEKEND MONEY The self-assessment deadline looms: tips for last-minute

Women's choice: One in five women in Western Europe has decided against having children. Joan Smith explains why she is among

Sisterly hatred: From a tower in Tuscany, Lyndall Hopkinson is plotting literary revenge on her half-sister across the 1,500 miles between Italy and England. The subject of the feud is their mother, the novelist Antonia White, Richard Owen reports.....

All alone: Kimberly Portier, an American working in London, discovers that in August there is no one left in Britain to do business

League leaders: Margaret Kenyon

tells Tim Jones the secrets of Withington School's success in the A-level league tables Page 31 Student support: Iola Smith re-ports on the financial advice service a university runs for its stu-

When Lionel Jospin came to power. Germany was very scared. We were on the verge of a crisis of confidence between the two countries. Three months have passed. The holidays have calmed our spirits. The return to work must be the occasion for a new start.

Changes to chert below from noon: low Bidrifts N and file; low V moves NE towards S Britain with little change in central pressure; high C should edge NE and build

preview: The younger generation salutes a veteran choreographer in Summer Dance (BBC2, 7.15pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a renaissance of EastEnd-.... Pages 42, 43

Talk or walk?

The Government's decision to admit Sinn Fein to talks on Northern Ireland's future is no less unsettling for being so widely ad-..... Page 19

Gore's challenge

This week's revelation that Al Gore was deeply involved in questionable fundraising for the Democratic campaign will seriously complicate his race for the White House in 2000

Duffers afloat

Air-sea rescue yarns hold high media interest. Stories are sold to the highest bidder. But any earnings by those rescued should go to maintain valiant rescue organisations.....

MATTHEW PARRIS

I started to celebrate my 48th birthday to the sound of sleet on the tin roof of the barracks-like Hotel Ferrocarril - the Railway Hotel - 3 in a grey dawn on the northern shore of Lake Titicaca, in the passionless and dirty town of Puno,

ANN TAYLOR

I firmly believe that we already know enough about the drugs problem to start to contain and then reduce the damage Page 18 JOHN LLOYD

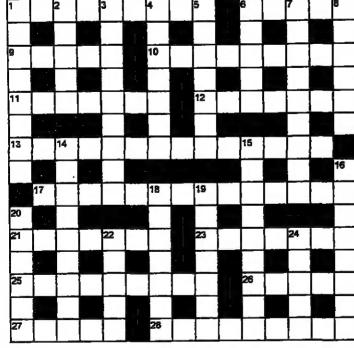
The Government has set up a series of contradictions that can only be resolved (and will probably never be wholly resolved) through new. thinking, underpinning new Page 18 approaches.....

Robert Kiln, Lloyds underwriter and archaeologist; Nancy Wassbrough, cricketer and sociologist; Lloyd Thompson, professor of classics; Dancan Swift, jazz

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Lord Wakeham defends press selfregulation; legal costs and the taxpayer, ethics of vegetarianism; tors' training: h historical romance; stopped clocks and the millermium...

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Aberdeen, Moray Firth, ME Scotland: sunny spells then showery with some heavy downpours. Moderate SE wind. Max 16-18C (61-64F).

SW and NW Scotland, Gleegow, Cent Highlands, Argyll: windy with heavy showers, possibly with thurder. Fresh SW wind. Max 15-18C (59-64F).

Orloney, Shetland: sunny spells and maybe a tew showers. Moderate SE wind. Max 17C (63F). mayoe a rew snowers, moderate SE wind, Max 17C (63F).

N Iretand: sunny spells and sharp showers, Moderate to fresh SW wind. Max 17-19C (63-66F).

Republic of Iretand: sunny intervals

as early showers die out. Wind SW, moderate or fresh, light later. Max 17-19C (83-66F).

Outlook; showers in north tomorrow but fine in south. West will be wet and windy on Sunday, but east should be dry.

Islands later, Moderate SW Wind. MsX 17-20C (63-68F). IN Wates, NW, Cent N and NE England, Late Dist, IoNE: cool with sunshine and showers. Moderate SW wind. Max 17-20C (63-68F).

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